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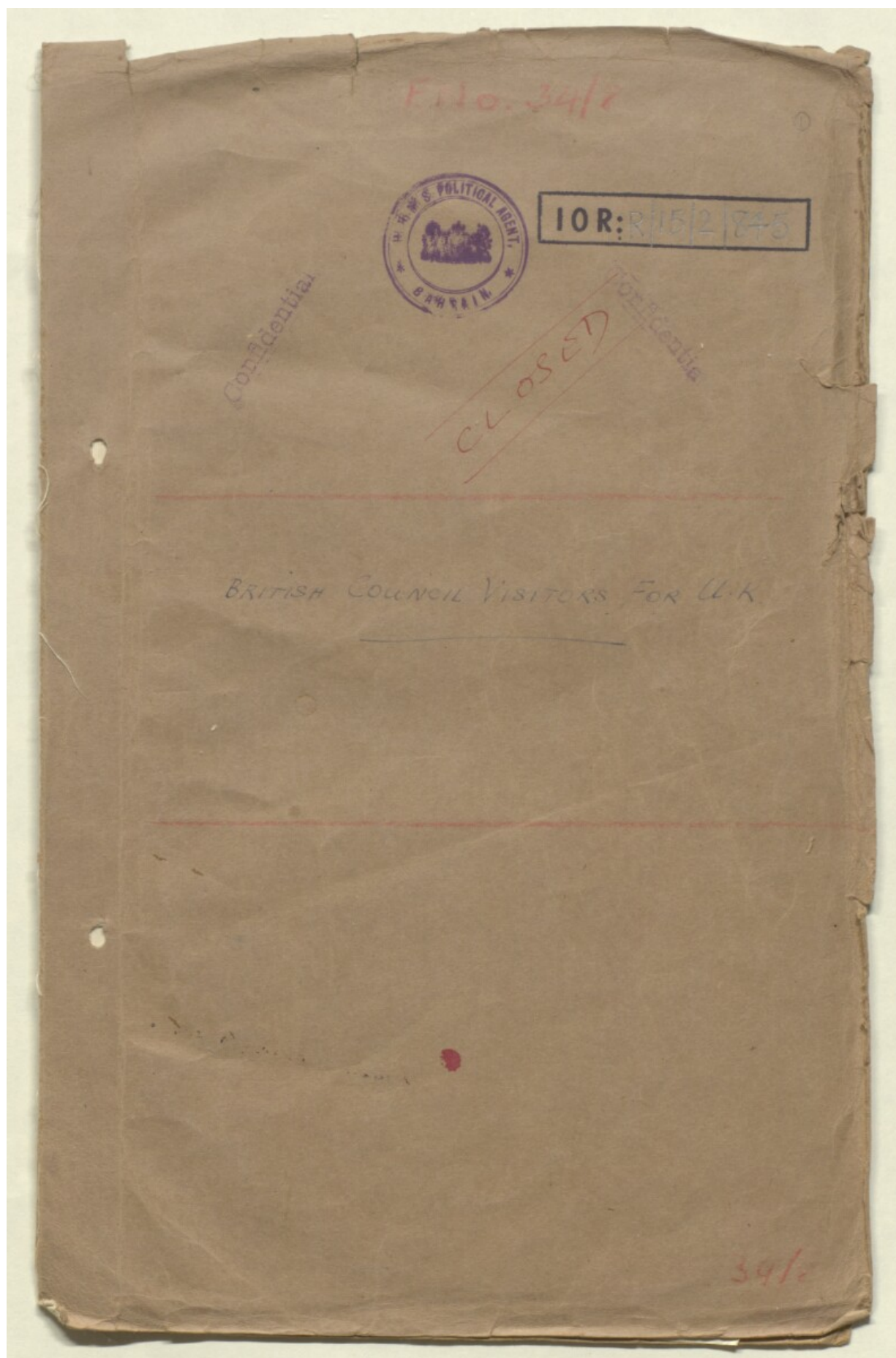
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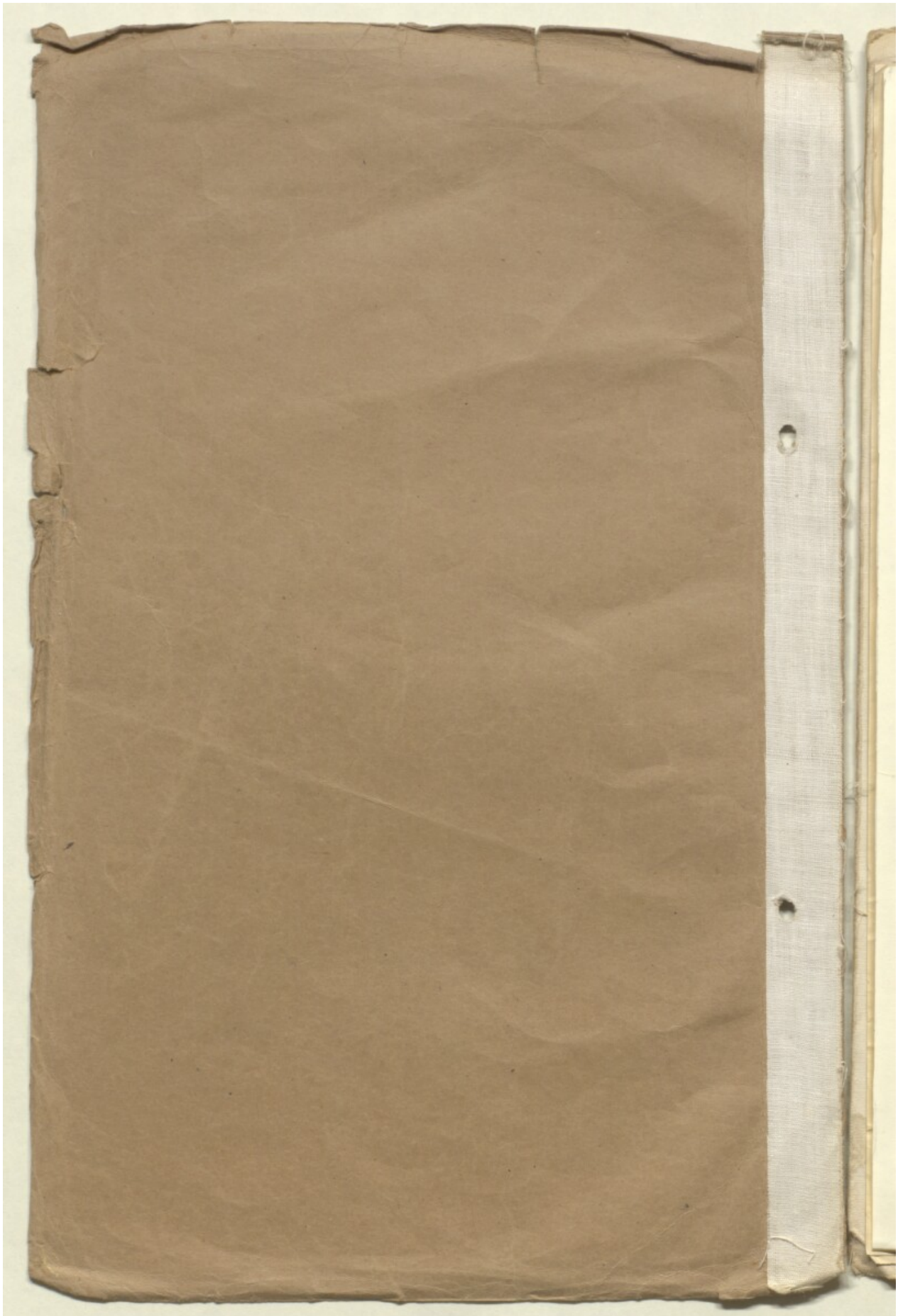
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About this record

This file contains correspondence between British officials regarding a visit to the UK made by Shaikh Khalifa bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Superintendent of the Bahrain Police Force. The programme of events arranged for Shaikh Khalifa during the visit - which was organised and paid for by the British Council - is discussed in the file as are the Shaikh's impressions of the country upon his return to Bahrain.







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D.O. No. B/51

Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.
Dated the 24th April, 1948.

M.P. 2/6

(1)

Dear Pelly

I forward herewith a copy of a letter I have received from the British Council in which an offer has been made to pay the expenses (less expenses for the journey to the U.K. and back) of a visitor from Bahrain or one of the other Gulf States.

2. So far as Bahrain is concerned have you anybody you can suggest? I can only think of Ahmed Omran or some English-knowing merchant such as Hussain Yateem or Khalifah bin Abdul Rahman al Qosaibi.

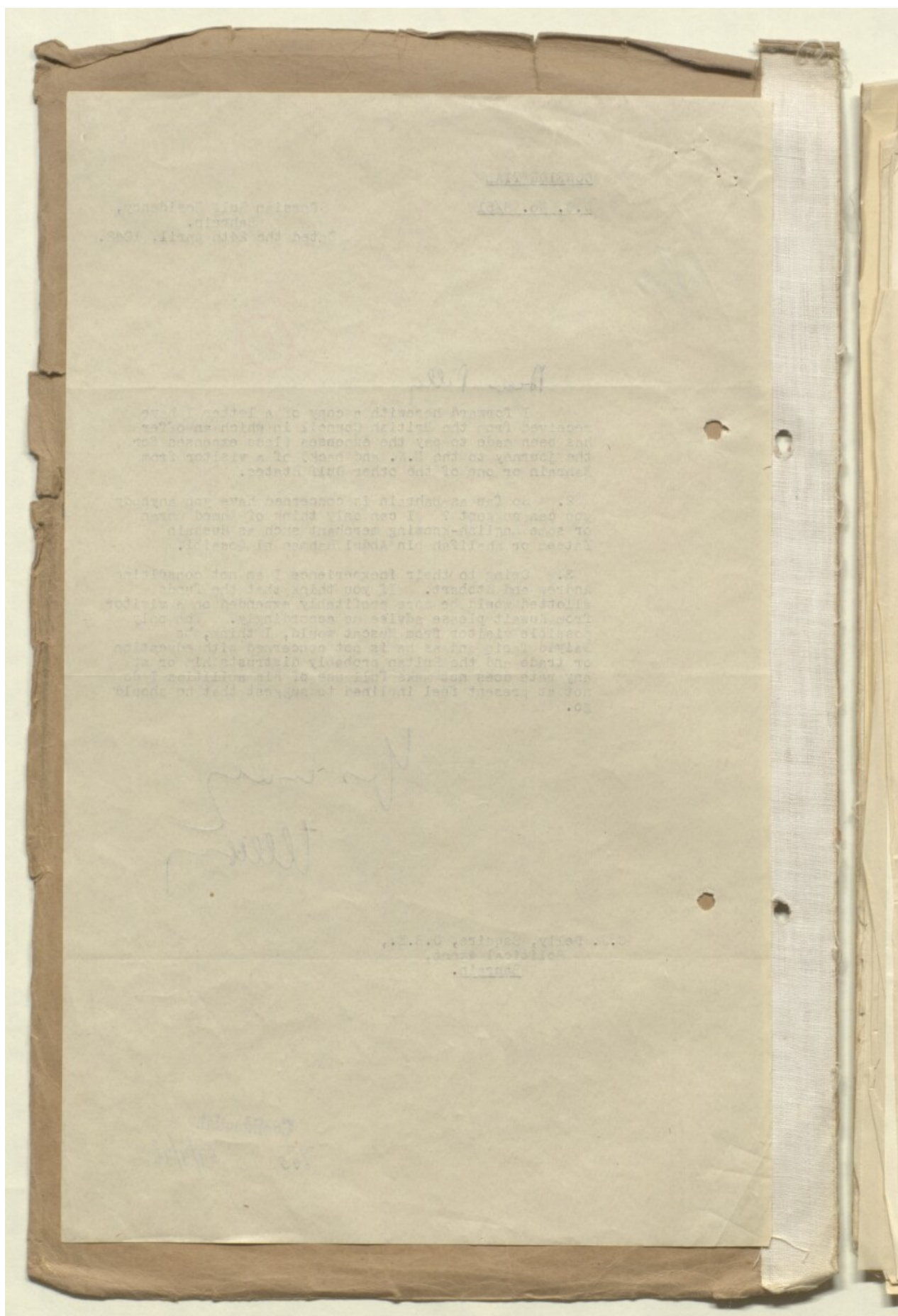
3. Owing to their inexperience I am not consulting Andrew and Stobart. If you think that the funds allotted would be more profitably expended on a visitor from Kuwait please advise me accordingly. The only possible visitor from Muscat would, I think, be Saliyd Tariq and as he is not concerned with education or trade and the Sultan probably distrusts him or at any rate does not make full use of his abilities I do not at present feel inclined to suggest that he should go.

Yours very truly
C.J. Pelly

C.J. Pelly, Esquire, O.B.E.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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BAHRAIN RECEIPT
No. 655 Date 29/4/48





THE BRITISH COUNCIL

3, Hanover Street,
London, W.1.

Ref. GEN/320/2.

By Air Mail.

14th April, 1948.

Dear Sir Rupert Hay,

British Council Visitors, 1948/49.

1. I am writing to inform you that in the British Council Budget for 1948/49 the sum of £150 (one hundred and fifty pounds) has been allocated towards the expenses of a visitor from Bahrain, or from any of the territories with which you are concerned in the Persian Gulf.

2. This sum is sufficient to cover a visit and conducted tour in the U.K. for about six weeks, the British Council being responsible for all expenses and arrangements, but it does not cover any fares to or from the U.K.

3. Apart from general sight-seeing and visiting, the British Council Visitors' Department is able to arrange, through its staff and through its Advisory Committees, for the visitor to meet the leading British representatives of his own profession or trade and to visit any special institutions in which he is interested. In recent years the British Council has received a considerable number of visitors from Middle East countries, and as a general rule these visits are much appreciated and have a valuable influence.

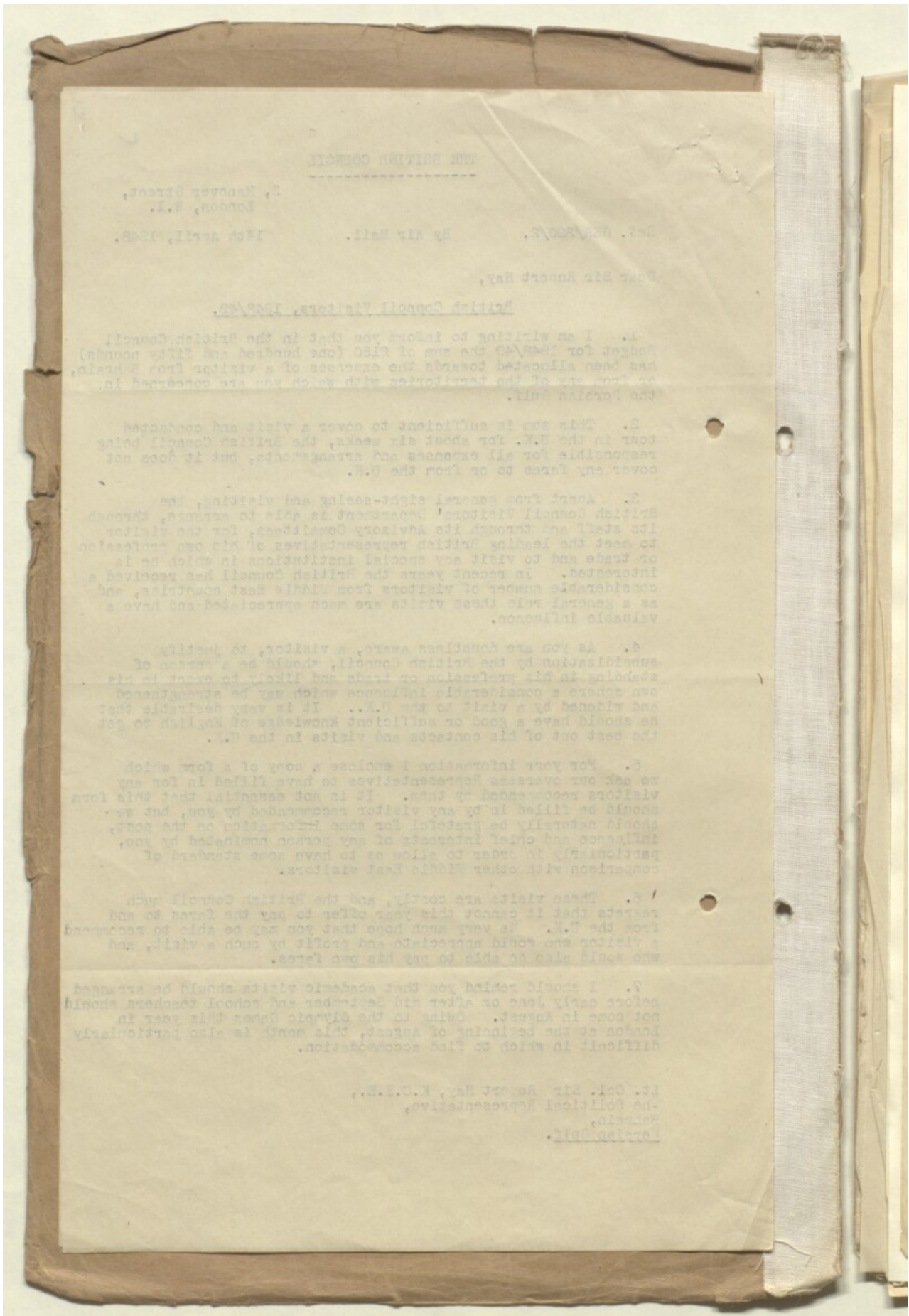
4. As you are doubtless aware, a visitor, to justify subsidization by the British Council, should be a person of standing in his profession or trade and likely to exert in his own sphere a considerable influence which may be strengthened and widened by a visit to the U.K.. It is very desirable that he should have a good or sufficient knowledge of English to get the best out of his contacts and visits in the U.K.

5. For your information I enclose a copy of a form which we ask our overseas Representatives to have filled in for any visitors recommended by them. It is not essential that this form should be filled in by any visitor recommended by you, but we should naturally be grateful for some information on the post, influence and chief interests of any person nominated by you, particularly in order to allow us to have some standard of comparison with other Middle East visitors.

6. These visits are costly, and the British Council much regrets that it cannot this year offer to pay the fares to and from the U.K. We very much hope that you may be able to recommend a visitor who would appreciate and profit by such a visit, and who would also be able to pay his own fares.

7. I should remind you that academic visits should be arranged before early June or after mid September and school teachers should not come in August. Owing to the Olympic Games this year in London at the beginning of August, this month is also particularly difficult in which to find accommodation.

Lt. Col. Sir Rupert Hay, K.C.I.E.,
The Political Representative,
Bahrain,
Persian Gulf.





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8. In view of the probability that you would wish a visitor from Bahrain to come to England in the summer months, we should be grateful for any nominations you would be kind enough to make at your earliest convenience, and we shall be most grateful for ~~any~~ your advice and assistance in this matter.

Yours ever,

Sd. R.M. Beavan,
Assistant Director,
Middle East Department.

(Enclosure)

COUNTRY

NAME OF VISITOR:

(Full name and title) _____

AGE _____

SPECIALIST SUBJECT _____

PRESENT POST OR OCCUPATION _____

PROFESSIONAL OR ACADEMIC STATUS _____

(i.e. do you grade the visitor
I, II or III from the point of
view of importance ?) _____

PROPOSED BY _____

APPROVED BY H.M. MISSION _____

PROPOSED DATE OF VISIT: From _____ To _____

PROPOSED MODE OF TRAVEL: Air _____ Sea/Land _____

PROFICIENCY OF ENGLISH _____

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF VISIT, etc. _____

(Indicate wishes of visitor as
fully as possible).

Please attach a
small photograph
of the visitor
if available.



8. In view of the probability that you would wish a
visitor from Britain to come to England in the summer months,
we should be grateful for any suggestions you would be kind
enough to make at your earliest convenience, and we will be
most grateful for any advice and assistance in this matter.

Yours ever,
Ed. A. N. Brown,
Assistant Director,
Middle East Department.

(Enclosure)

COUNTRY

NAME OF VISITOR:
(Full name and title)

AGE

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PROPOSED BY

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PROPOSED MODE OF TRAVEL: Air _____ Sea/land _____

PROPOSED POINT OF ENTRY

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF VISIT, etc.
(Indicate wishes of visitor as
fully as possible).

Please attach a
small photograph
of the visitor
if available.



D.O. No. C/R.14.

Dated the 6th May, 1948.

Dear Sir Rupert,

Thank you for your demi-official Letter
No. B/51 dated the 24th April, 1948.

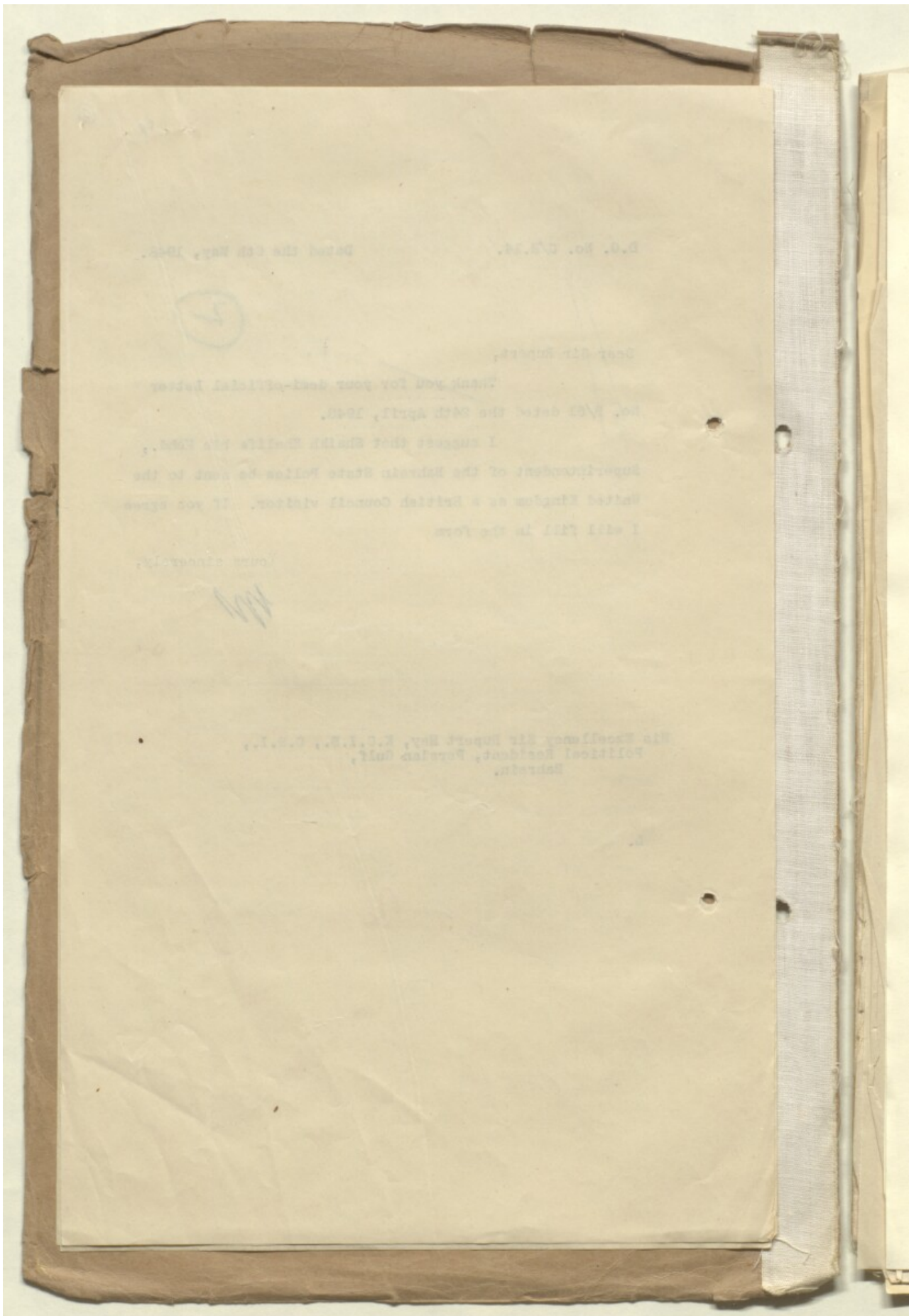
I suggest that Shaikh Khalifa bin Mohd.,
Superintendent of the Bahrain State Police be sent to the
United Kingdom as a British Council visitor. If you agree
I will fill in the form

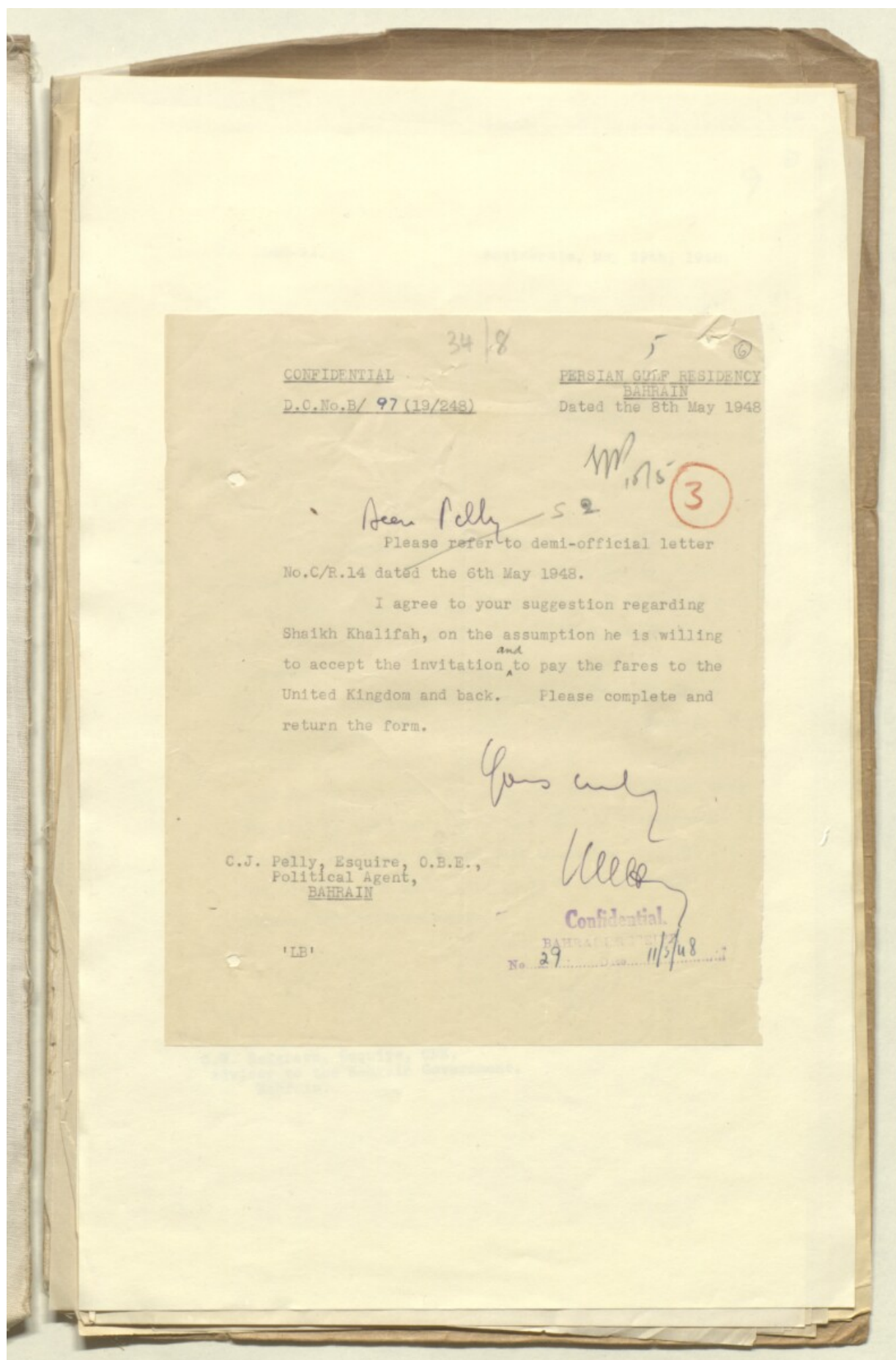
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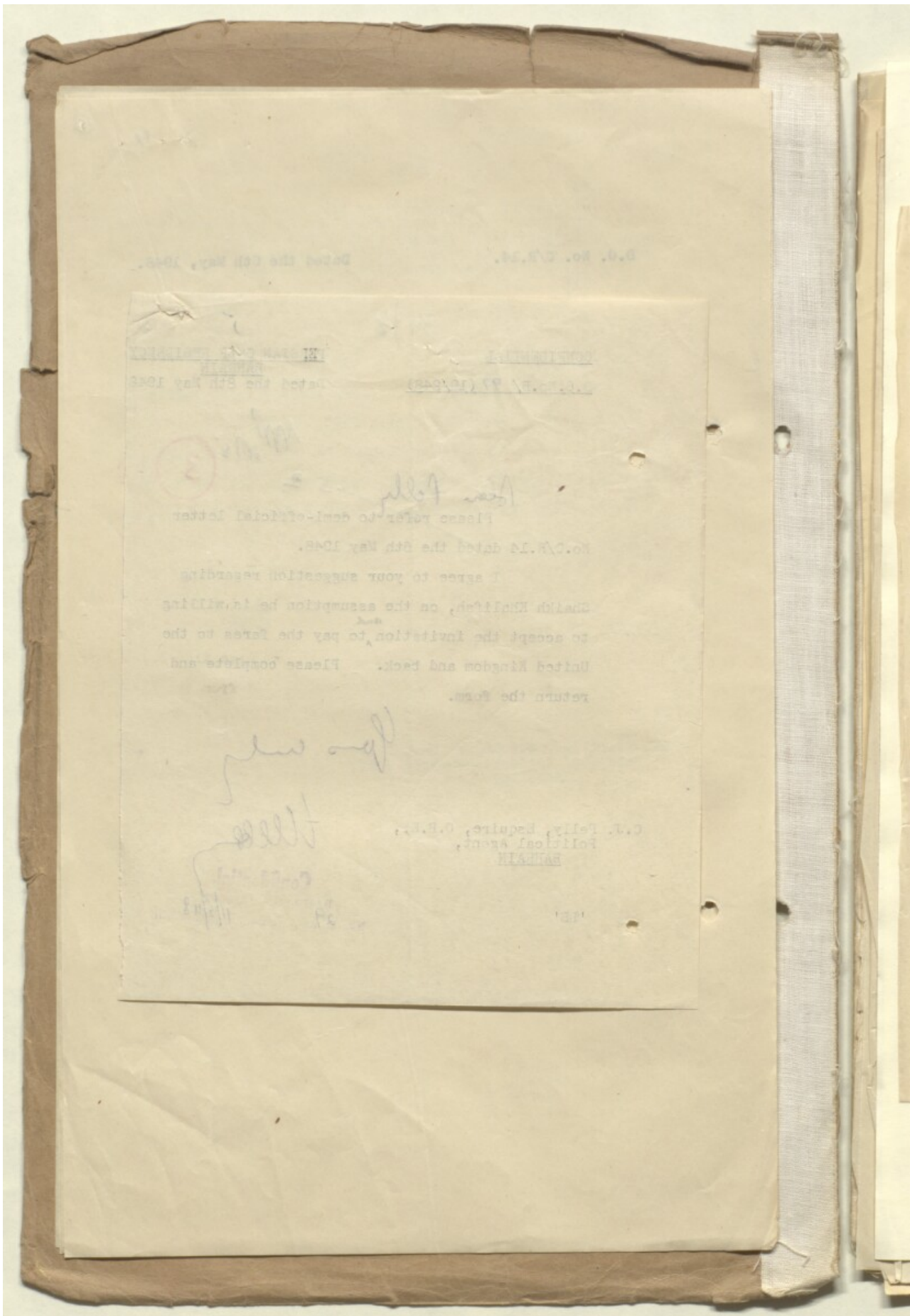
His Excellency Sir Rupert Hay, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

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D.O.No.C/L-21.

POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
Dated 18th May, 1948.

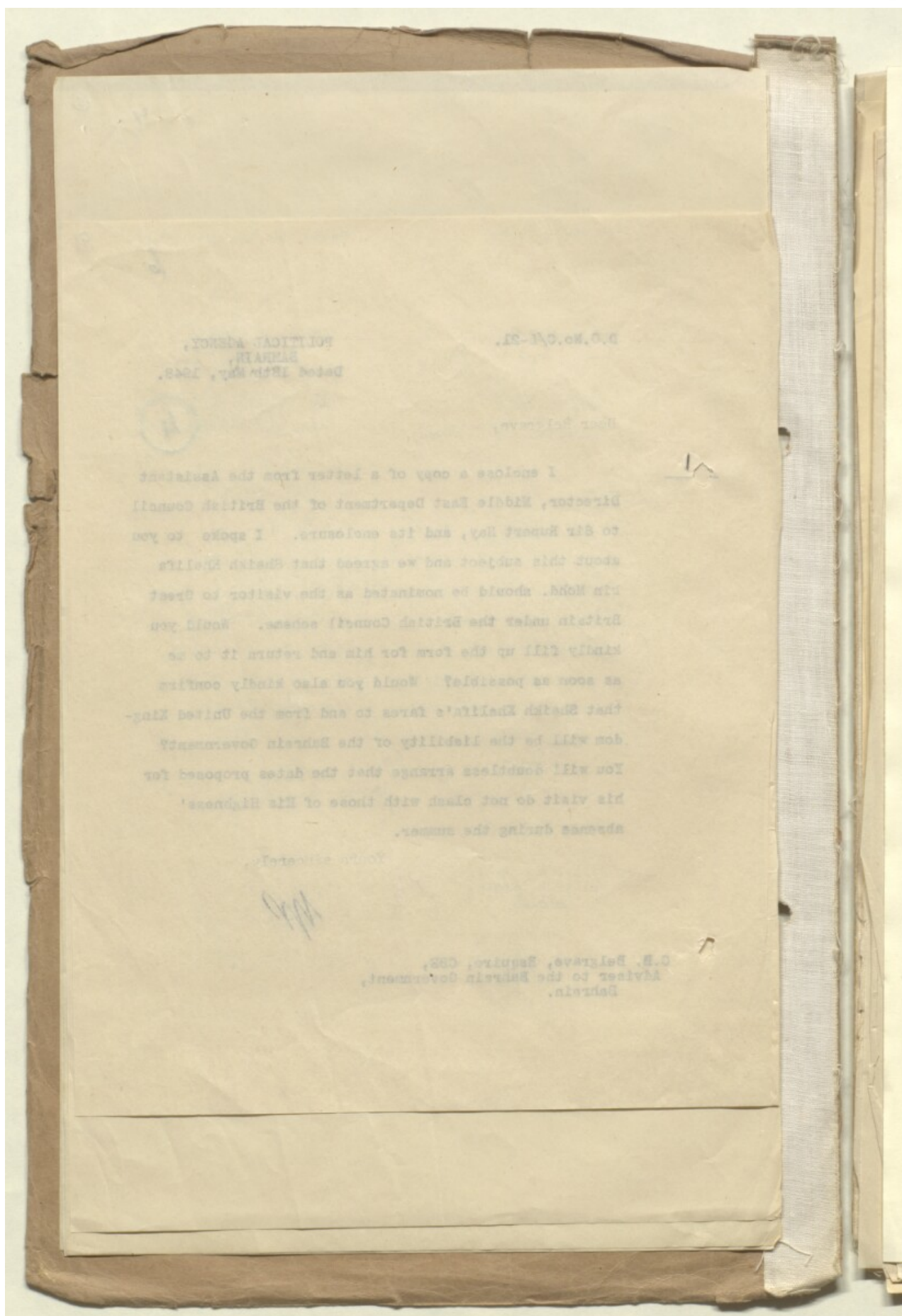
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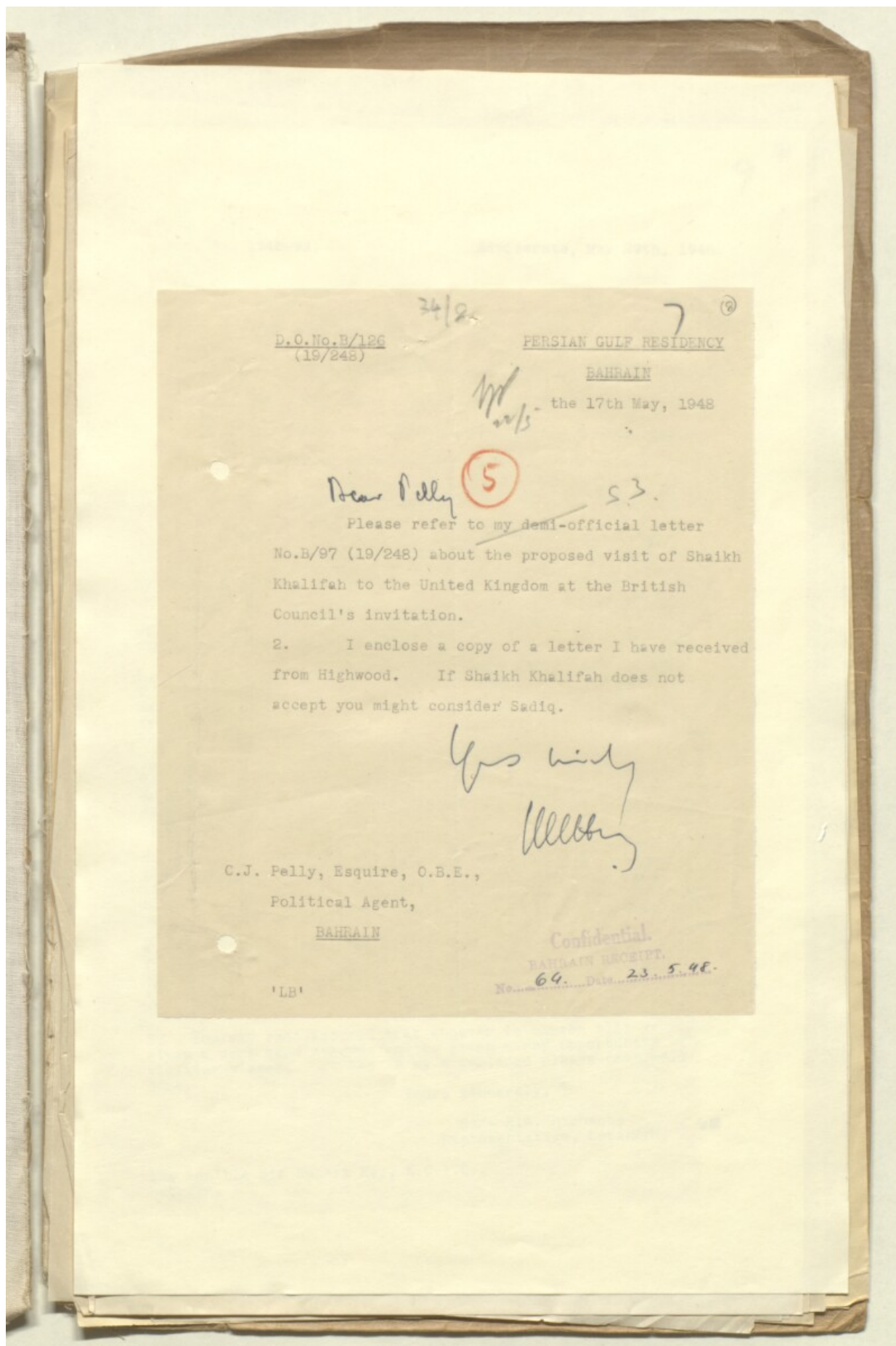
I enclose a copy of a letter from the Assistant Director, Middle East Department of the British Council to Sir Rupert Hay, and its enclosure. I spoke to you about this subject and we agreed that Shaikh Khalifa bin Mohd. should be nominated as the visitor to Great Britain under the British Council scheme. Would you kindly fill up the form for him and return it to me as soon as possible? Would you also kindly confirm that Shaikh Khalifa's fares to and from the United Kingdom will be the liability of the Bahrain Government? You will doubtless arrange that the dates proposed for his visit do not clash with those of His Highness' absence during the summer.

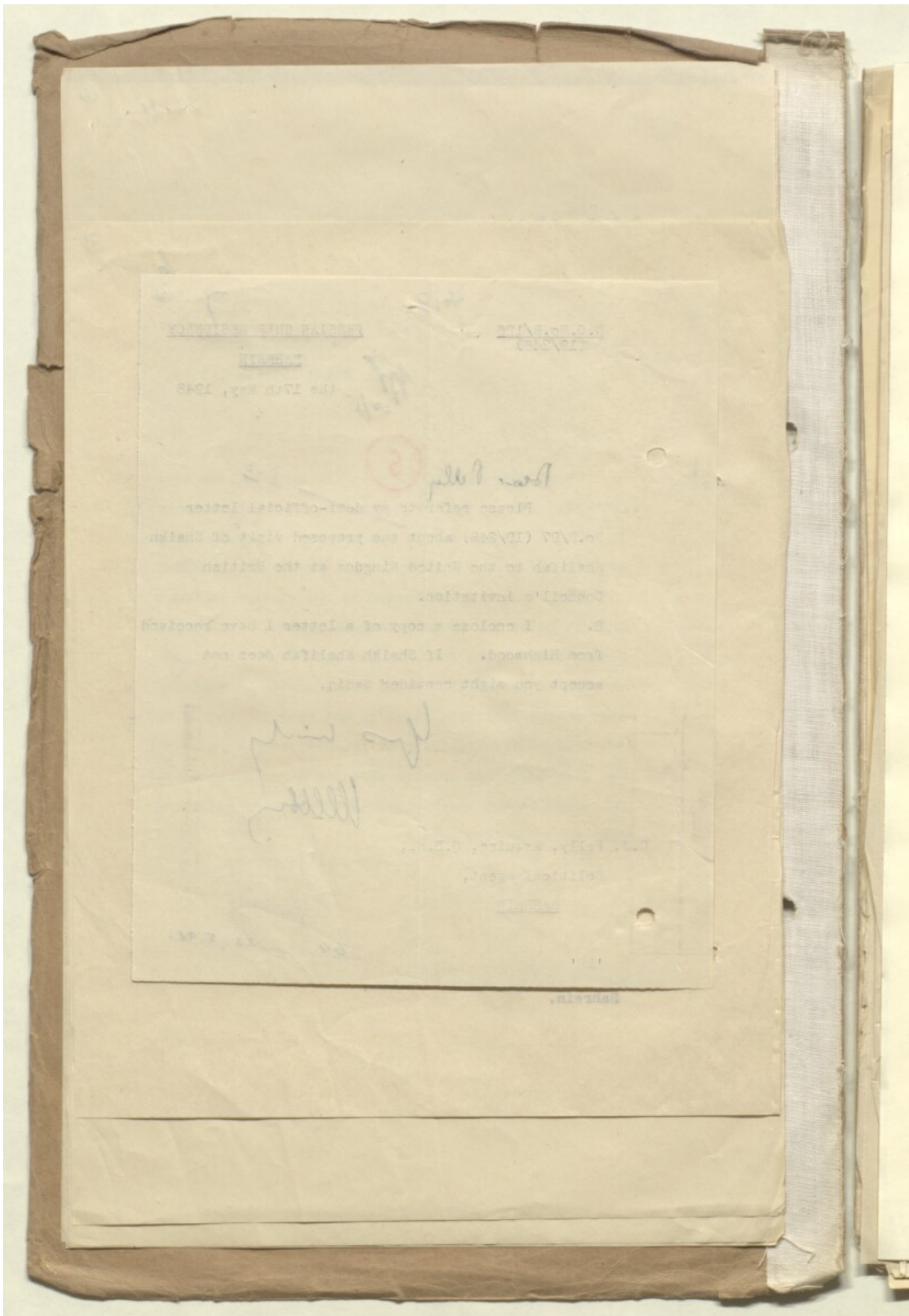
Yours sincerely,

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C.B. Belgrave, Esquire, CBE,
Adviser to the Bahrain Government,
Bahrain.









THE BRITISH COUNCIL

BEIRUT
28TH APRIL, 1948

My dear Sir Rupert,

I have received a copy of a circular letter GEN/320/2 of April 14th from the Council to you on the subject of visitors to England.

2. This letter has prompted me to make a suggestion which I trust you will forgive me for intruding on you but the mail takes so long for the exchange of correspondence. It seemed to me that the Secretary of the Manama Municipality, Sadiq (I think) by name, was a man exercising considerable authority and worthy of support and would be a suitable person to visit England did an opportunity arise. The Secretary of the Maharraq Municipality is younger - probably more impressionable but he had not last November been confirmed in his appointment. Naturally I make the suggestion in deference to the Adviser's opinion.

3. I can think of no one from Kuwait, my impression being that they were all sufficiently wealthy to provide for any visit they wanted. I think too that any visit for technical purposes such as from the newly reformed Post Office would preferably be missions from the Governments concerned.

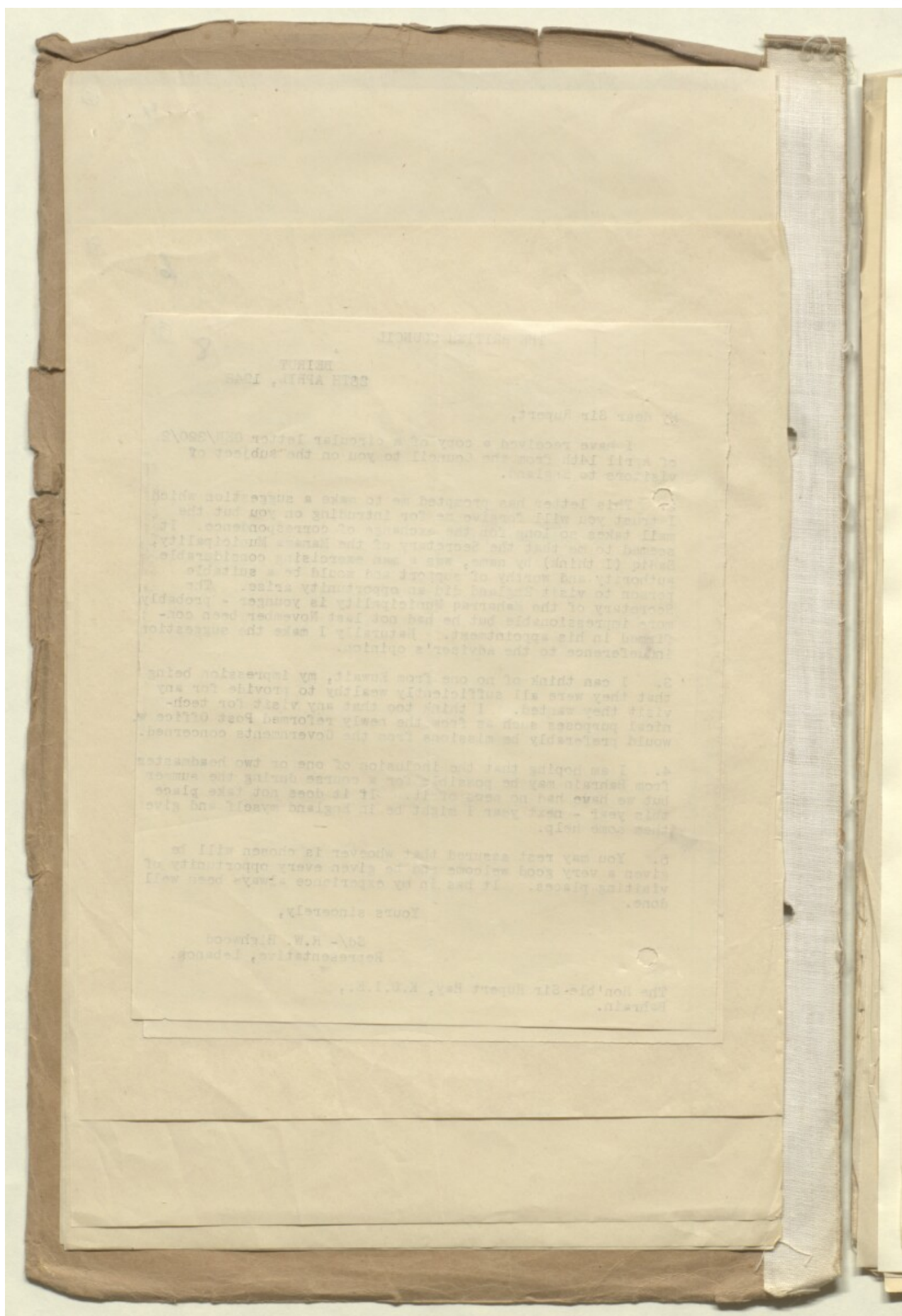
4. I am hoping that the inclusion of one or two headmasters from Bahrain may be possible for a course during the summer but we have had no news of it. If it does not take place this year - next year I might be in England myself and give them some help.

5. You may rest assured that whoever is chosen will be given a very good welcome and be given every opportunity of visiting places. It has in my experience always been well done.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- R.W. Highwood
Representative, Lebanon.

The Hon'ble Sir Rupert Hay, K.C.I.E.,
Bahrain.





D.O. No. 1548-9A.

Advise rate, May 29th, 1948.

Dear Pelly,

With reference to your D.O. No. C/L-21 dated 18th May 1948, I enquired from His Highness whether he approved of Shaikh Khalifah bin Mohamed being nominated as a visitor to Great Britain and he approved of the suggestion. Shaikh Khalifah will be very pleased to accept the invitation.

The most suitable time for Shaikh Khalifah's visit, as far as we are concerned, would be from about the middle of June till about the end of July. If these dates will suit the British Council we will apply for an air passage at once.

It is understood that the Bahrain Government will pay for the air passage to and from Great Britain.

.... I enclose the form giving details about Shaikh Khalifah.

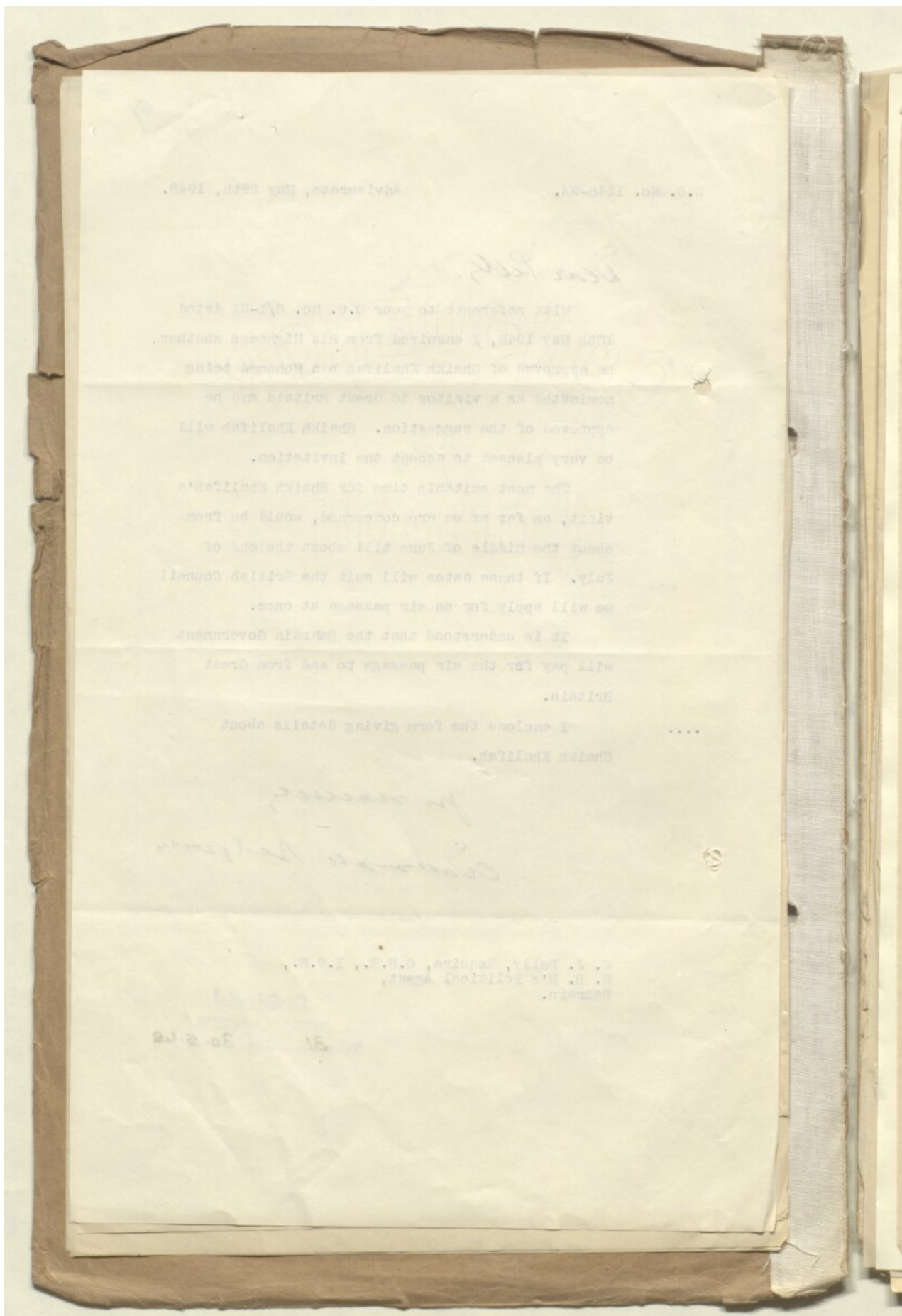
for enclosure
Wahid bin Khalifah

C. J. Pelly, Esquire, O.B.E., I.C.S.,
H. B. M's Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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BAHRAIN RECEIVED

No. 31 Date 30.5.48





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8. In view of the probability that you would wish a visitor from Bahrain to come to England in the summer months, we should be grateful for any nominations you would be kind enough to make at your earliest convenience, and we shall be most grateful for your advice and assistance in this matter.

Yours ever,

SGD. R.W. BEAVAN,
Assistant Director,
Middle East Department.

(ENCLOSURE)

COUNTRY

NAME OF VISITOR: SHAIKH KHALIFAH BIN MOHAMMED
(Full name and title)

AGE 36

SPECIALIST SUBJECT Police and military training

PRESENT POST OR OCCUPATION Superintendent of State Police

PROFESSIONAL OR ACADEMIC STATUS First cousin of HH the Ruler. Educated Beirut University.
(i.e. do you grade the visitor I, II or III from the point of view of importance?)

PROPOSED BY

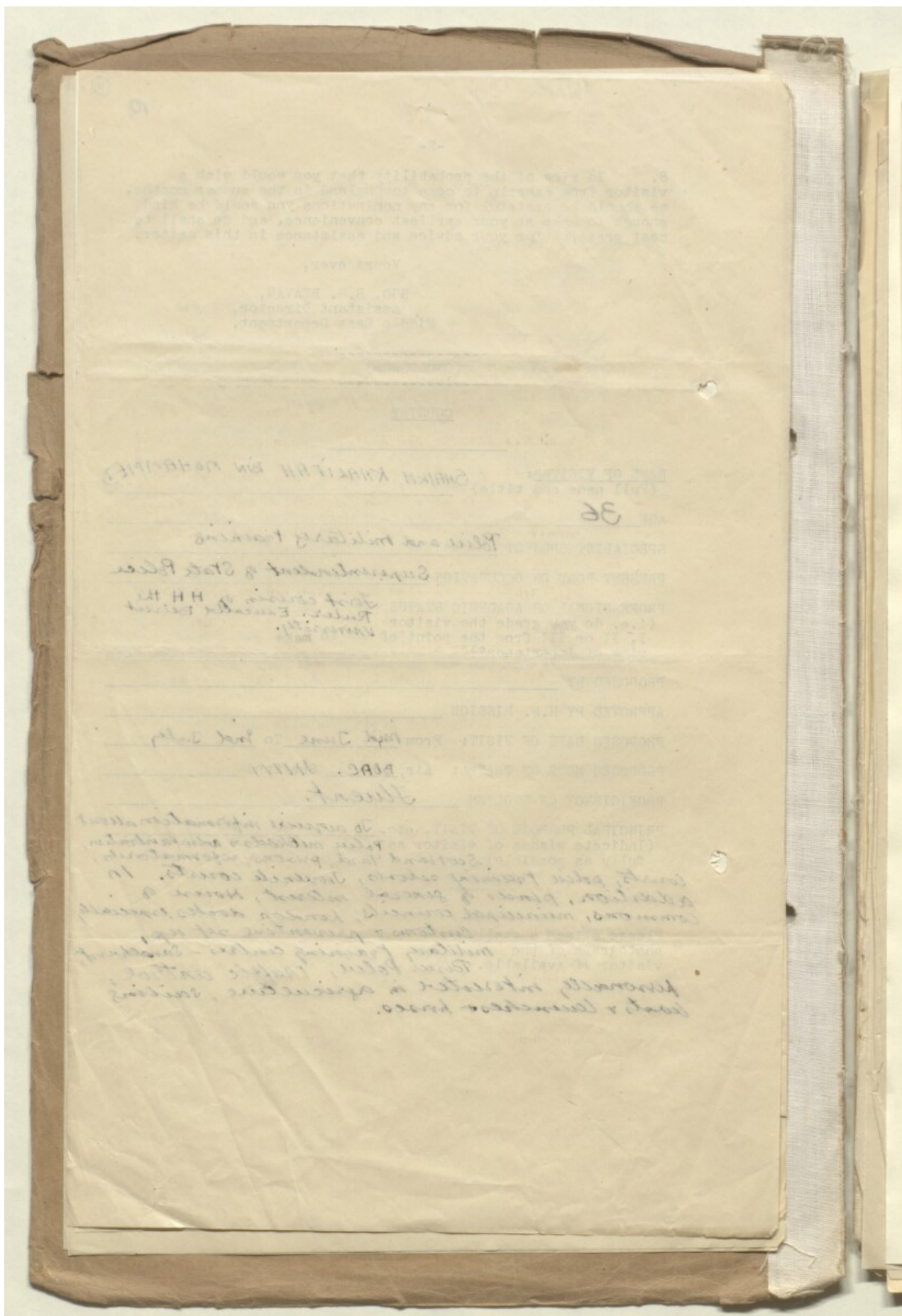
APPROVED BY H.M. MISSION

PROPOSED DATE OF VISIT: From mid June To end July

PROPOSED MODE OF TRAVEL: Air, BOAC. ATTRA

PROFICIENCY OF ENGLISH Fluent.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF VISIT, etc. To acquire information about (Indicate wishes of visitor as fully as possible) Police methods & administration, Scotland Yard, prisons, reformatories, courts, police training schools, juvenile courts. In addition, places of general interest, House of Commons, municipal councils, London docks especially, Please attach a small Customs & preventive set up, photograph of the military training centres - Sandhurst, visitor if available. Ruler Police, traffic control, personally interested in agriculture, sailing, boats & launches & horses.





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EXPRESS LETTER.

POLITICAL AGENCY, BAHRAIN.

From POLITICAL, BAHRAIN.

To PRODROME, BAHRAIN.

No.C/R-40.

Dated 30th May, 1948.

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Reference correspondence ending with Sir Rupert's D.O.No.B/126 (19/248), dated the 17th May, 1948. Visit of Shaikh Khalifah to the United Kingdom.

2. Form is enclosed duly completed. Shaikh Khalifah is very pleased to accept the invitation and the Bahrain Government will pay for his air passage to and from Great Britain.

3. Grateful if British Council could be telegraphed as to whether they would be able to make arrangements for him as from the middle of June till about the end of July, and if I could be informed of the reply as soon as possible.

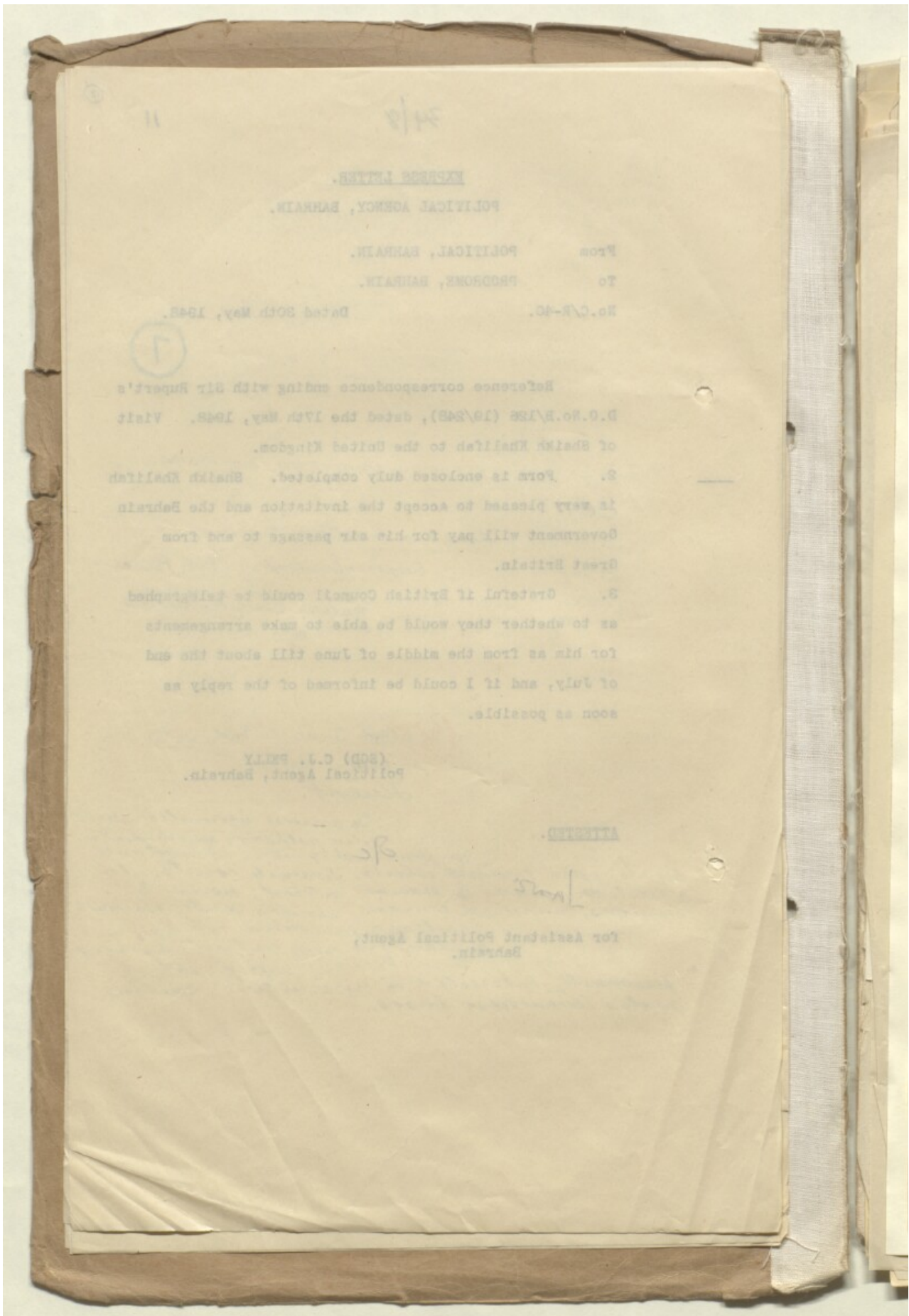
(SGD) C.J. PELLY
Political Agent, Bahrain.

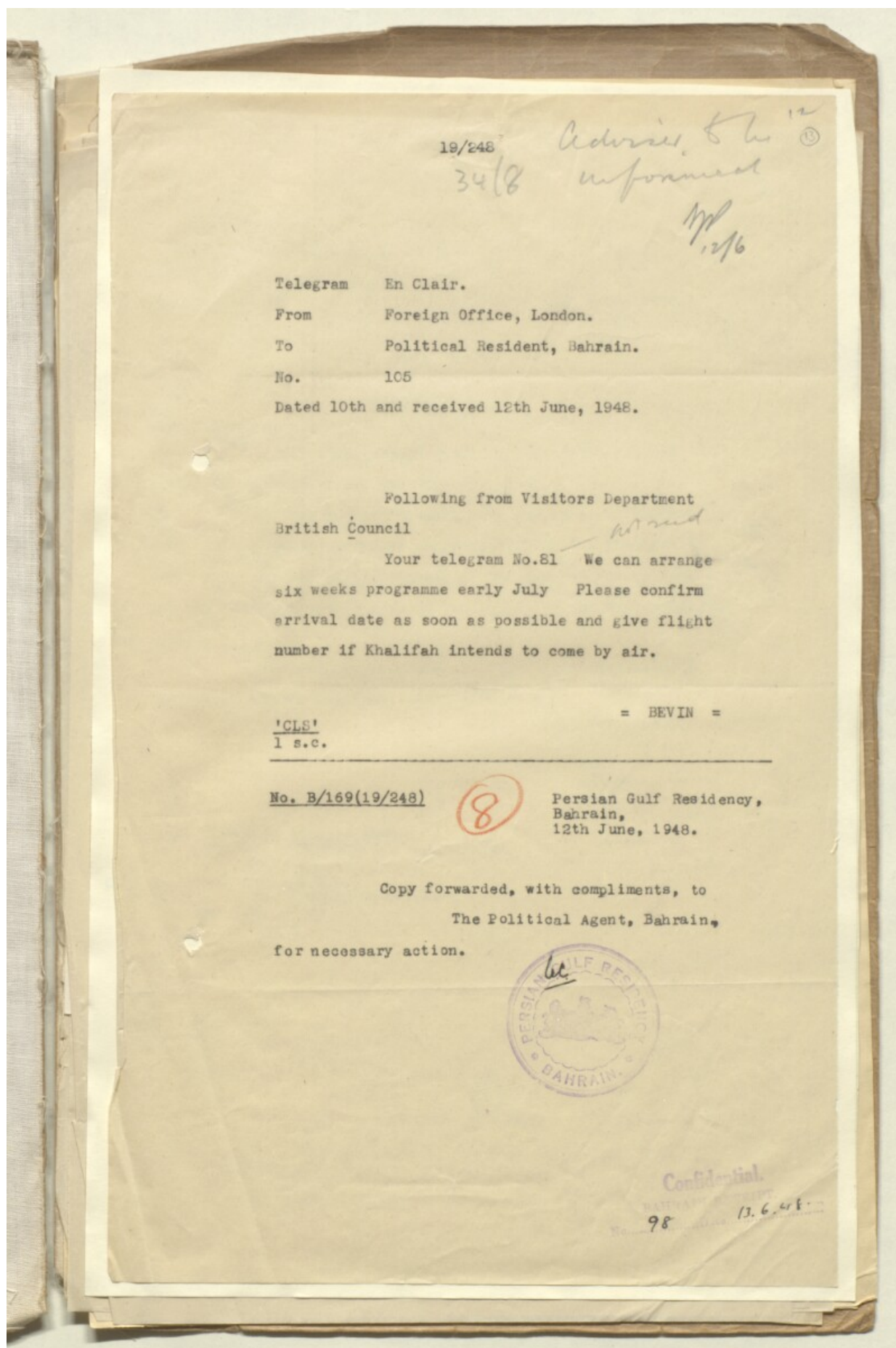
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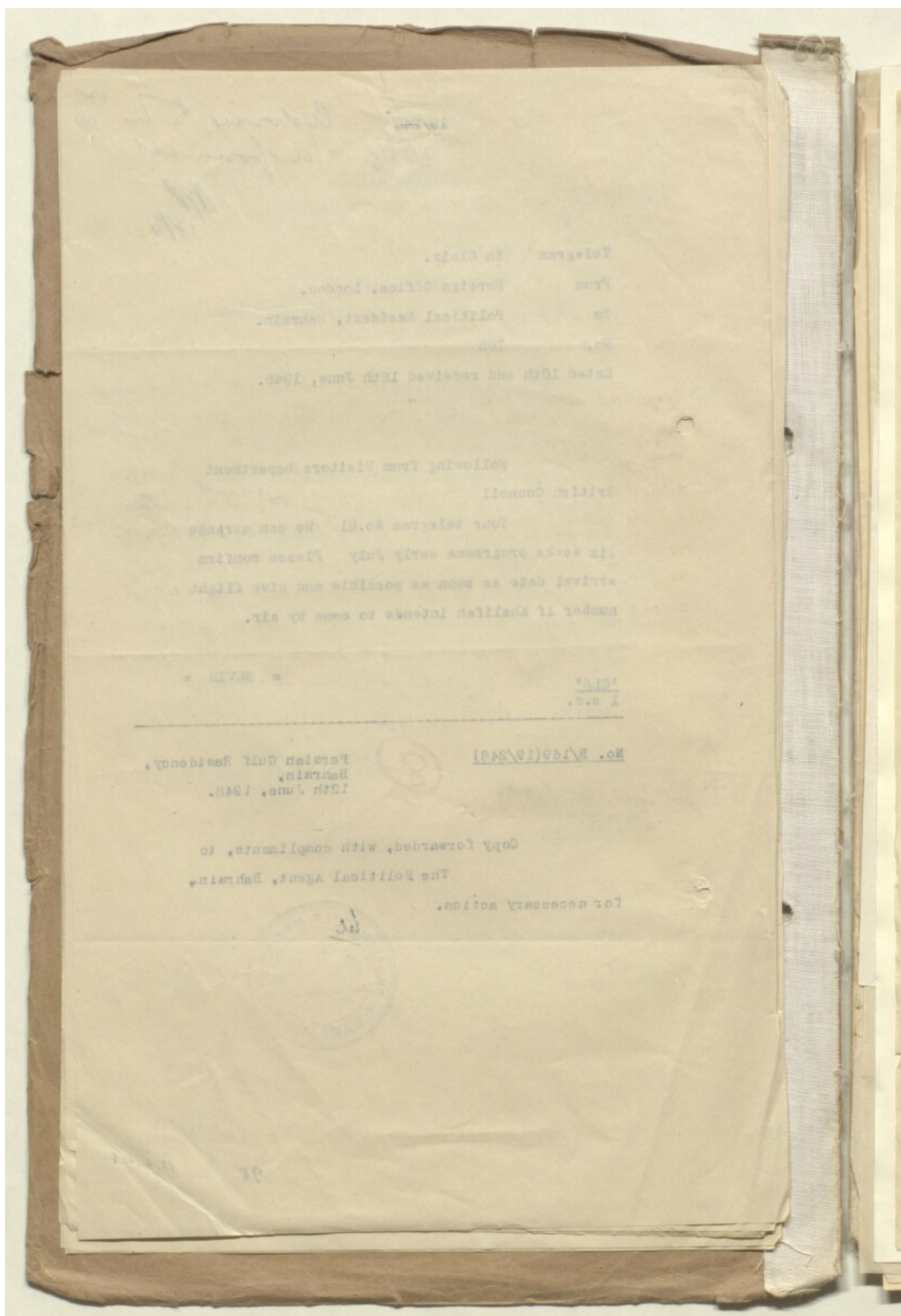
etc.

Jane

for Assistant Political Agent,
Bahrain.









CONFIDENTIAL

D.O. No. C/L.48

Dated the 16th June, 1948.

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Dear Belgrave,

Will you please refer to your demi-official letter No. 1548-9A dated the 29th May, 1948.

The British Council have now informed us that they can arrange a six weeks programme for Shaikh Khalifah in early July and ask to be informed of the date of his arrival and his flight number, if he is travelling to the United Kingdom by air.

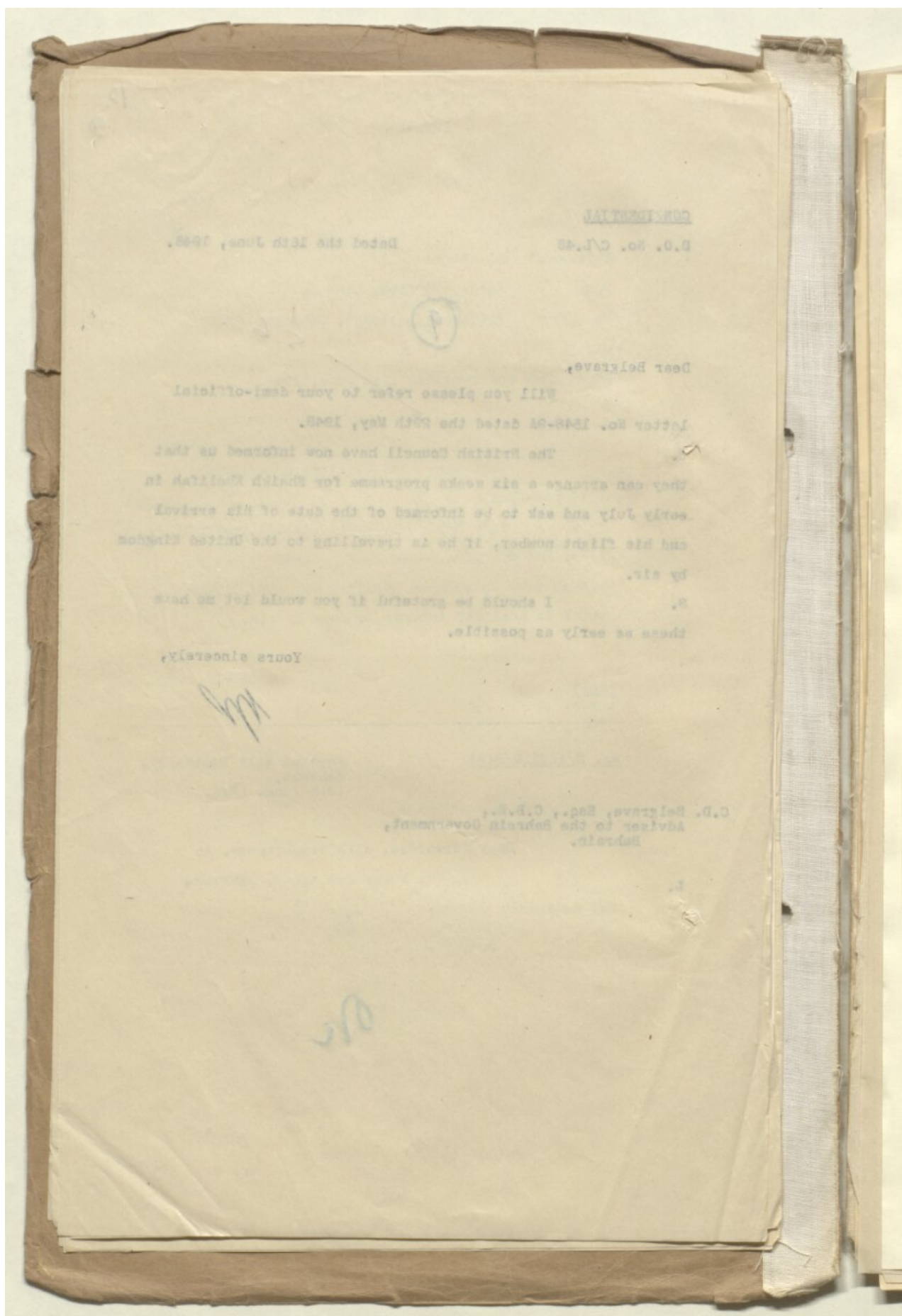
I should be grateful if you would let me have these as early as possible.

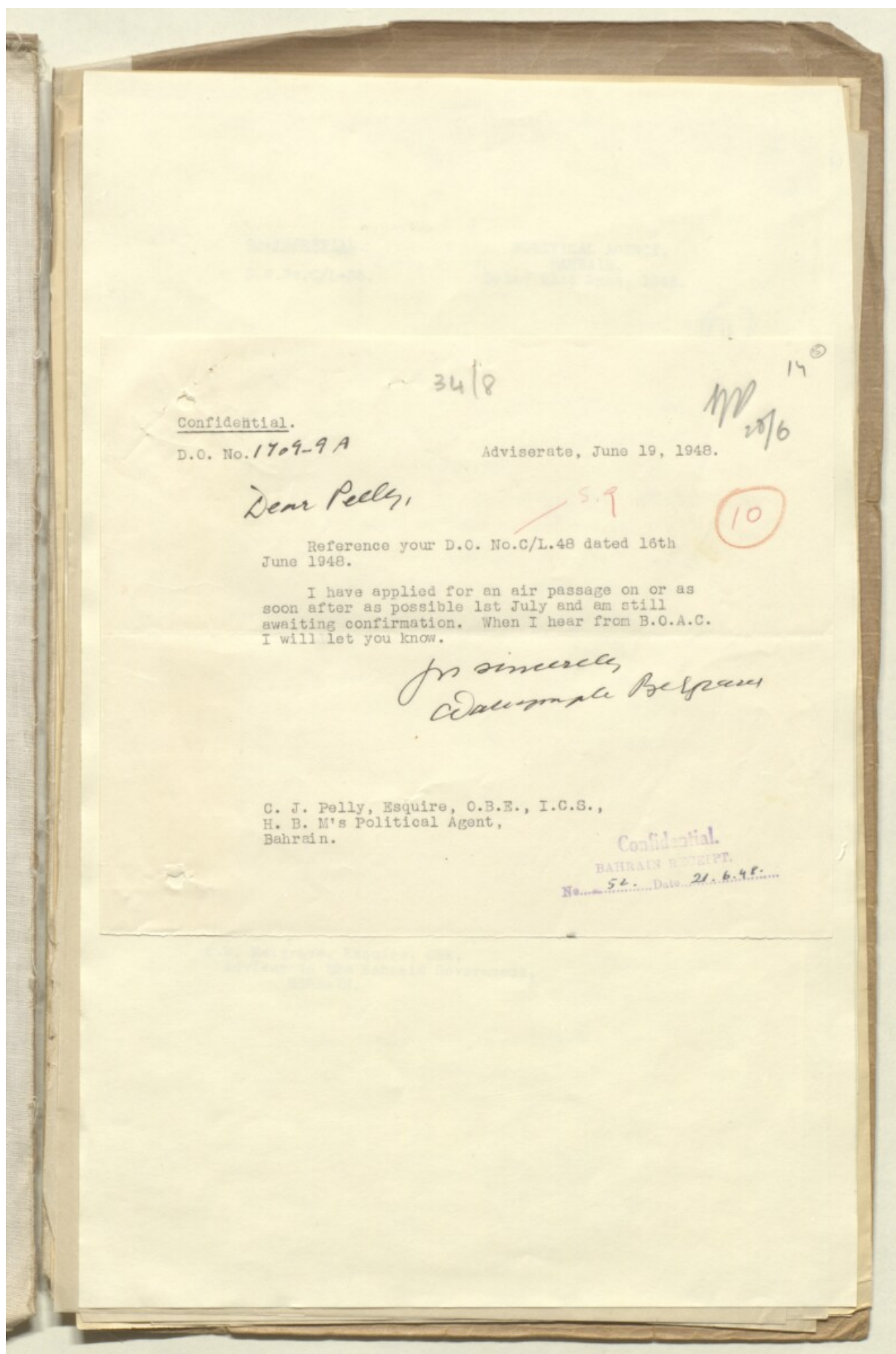
Yours sincerely,

C.D. Belgrave, Esq., C.B.E.,
Adviser to the Bahrain Government,
Bahrain.

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D.O. No. 1709-9A

Adviserate, June 19, 1948.

Dear Pelly,

Reference your D.O. No.C/L.48 dated 16th June 1948.

I have applied for an air passage on or as soon after as possible 1st July and am still awaiting confirmation. When I hear from B.O.A.C. I will let you know.

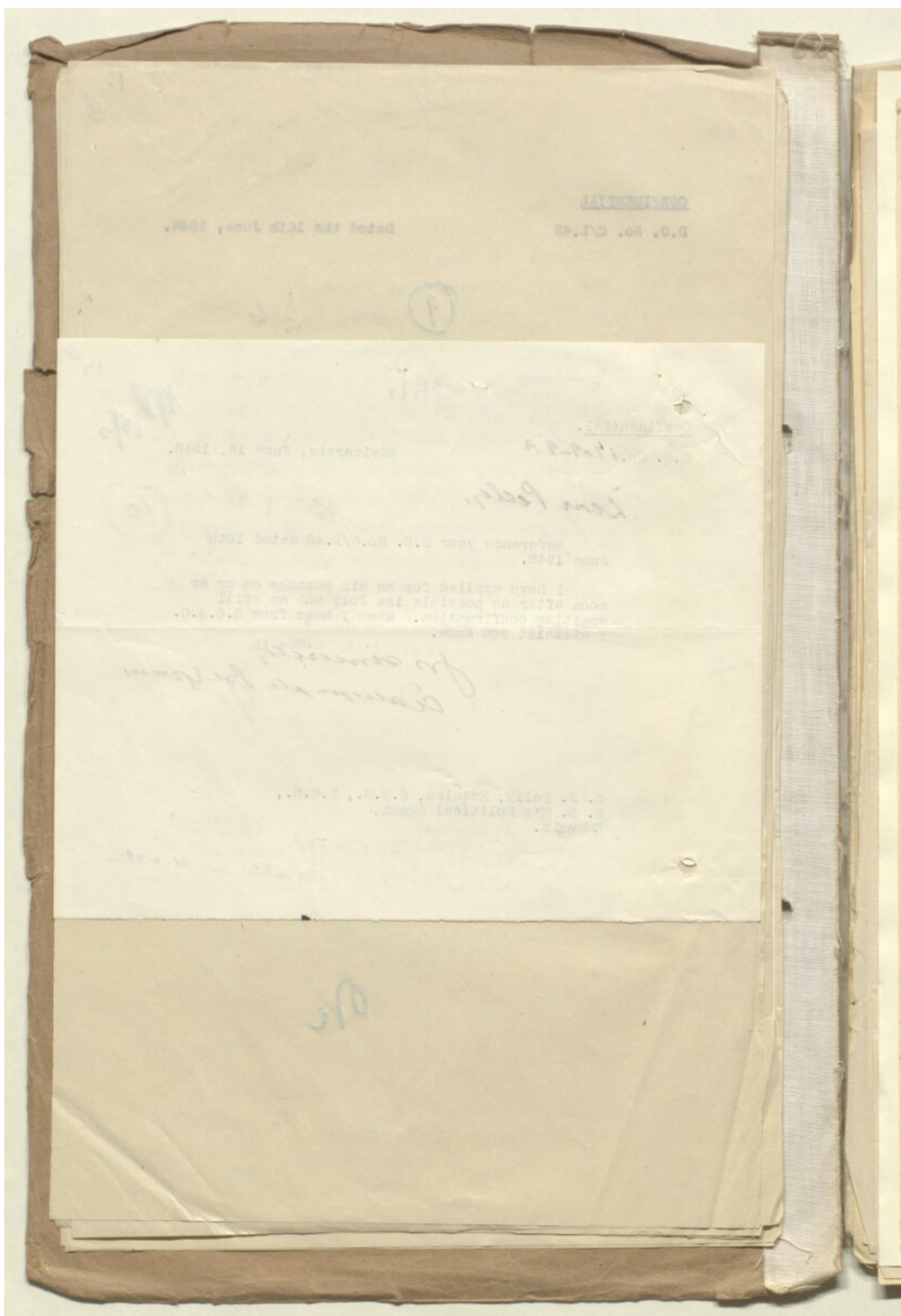
Yrs sincerely,
C. J. Pelly

C. J. Pelly, Esquire, O.B.E., I.C.S.,
H. B. M's Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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BAHRAIN RECEIPT

No. 52 Date 21.6.48





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D.O.No.C/L-55.

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POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
Dated 21st June, 1948.

Dear Belgrave,

Please refer to your demi-official letter
No.1709-9A, dated the 19th June, 1948, regarding
Shaikh Khalifah bin Mohammed.

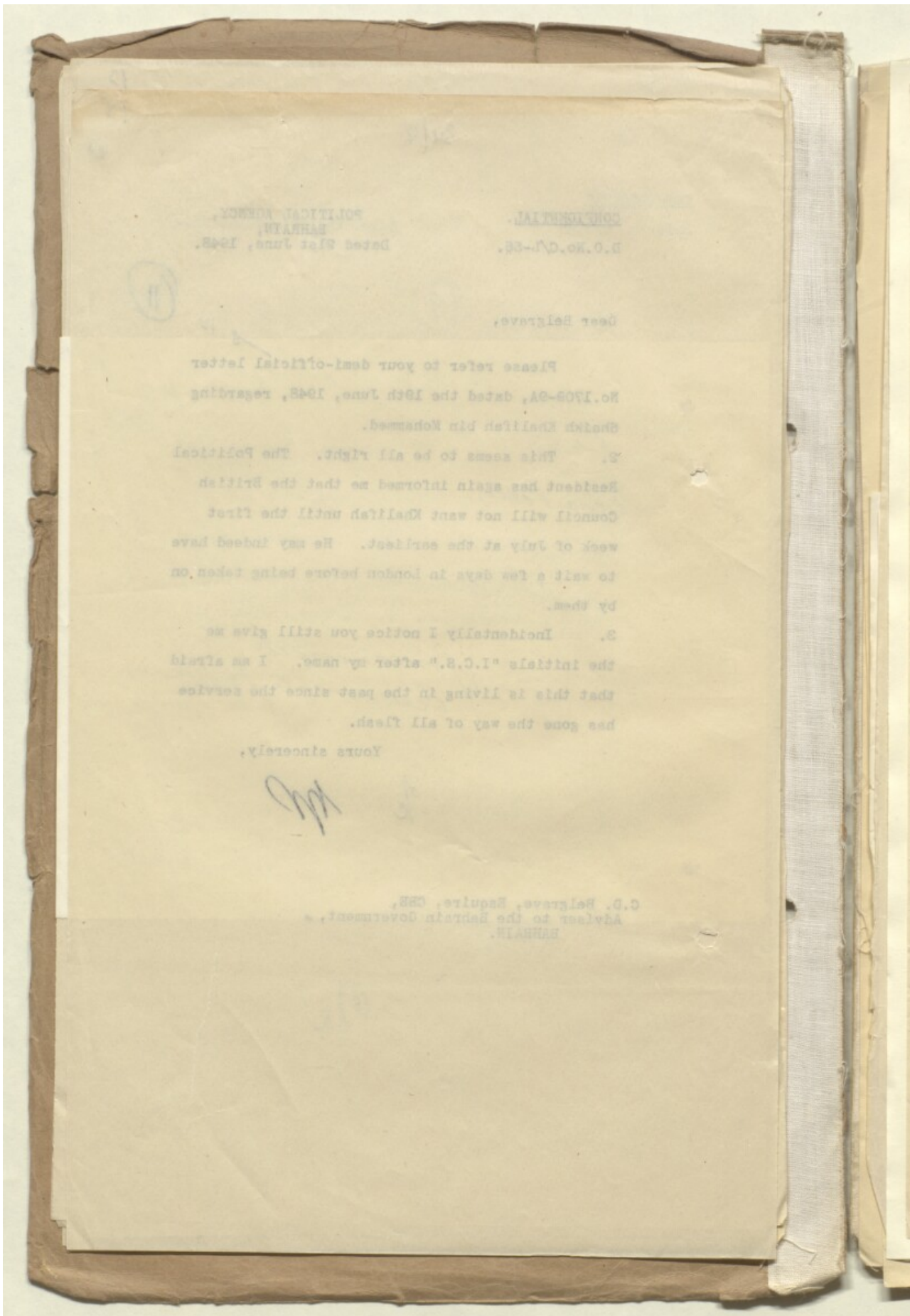
2. This seems to be all right. The Political
Resident has again informed me that the British
Council will not want Khalifah until the first
week of July at the earliest. He may indeed have
to wait a few days in London before being taken on
by them.

3. Incidentally I notice you still give me
the initials "I.C.S." after my name. I am afraid
that this is living in the past since the service
has gone the way of all flesh.

Yours sincerely,

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C.D. Belgrave, Esquire, CBE,
Adviser to the Bahrain Government,
BAHRAIN.





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COPY

The British Council,
3, Hanover Street,
London, W. 1.

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16th June, 1948

Dear Sir Rupert,

In reply to your telegram of the 5th June, addressed to Beavan and concerning Shaikh Khalifah, we cabled you on the 11th June as follows:-

"Welcome Shaikh Khalifah's visit can arrange six weeks programme early July confirm arrival date earliest"

2. We have now received your letter of the 5th June (No. 927-S) enclosing his Proposal Form, and are working on his programme. We should like to confirm that the British Council will pay his expenses up to £150, to cover accommodation, rail travel in the U.K., and motor transport as necessary.

3. The dates given in our cable do not exactly coincide with your proposal, but they are the only ones which allow us time to arrange a suitable programme, as mid-June would be a little too early for his arrival. It is essential, on the other hand, that he should complete the judicial part of his programme by the end of July, when the courts go into recess. We very much welcome your proposal in principle, and trust that the slight postponement of the visit will not be untoward.

Yours sincerely,

H.A.F. Radley,

for Director, Visitors Department.

Sir Rupert Hay, K.C.I.E.,
The Political Resident,
Bahrain, Persian Gulf.

No. B/186(19/248)

Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain,
the 24th June, 1948.

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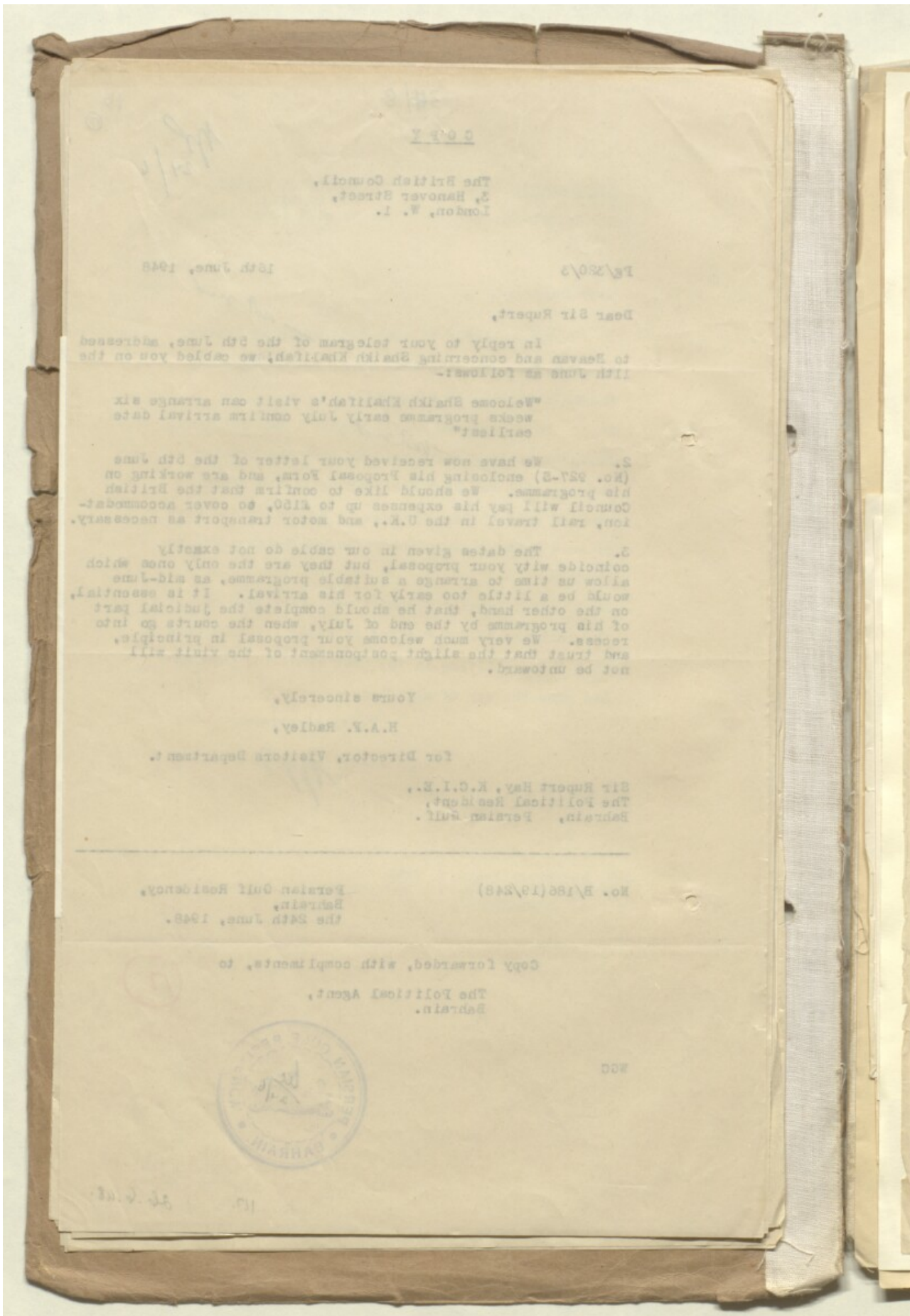
The Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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Telegram En Clair.
From British Council, London.
To Political Resident, Bahrain.
No. 1.
Dated 25th received 26th June, 1948.

Essential receive firm date arrival Shaikh
Khalifah in time to make arrangements. Please cable
earliest.

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No. B/194

(13) Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain,
the 26th June, 1948.

Copy forwarded, with compliments, to
The Political Agent,
Bahrain.

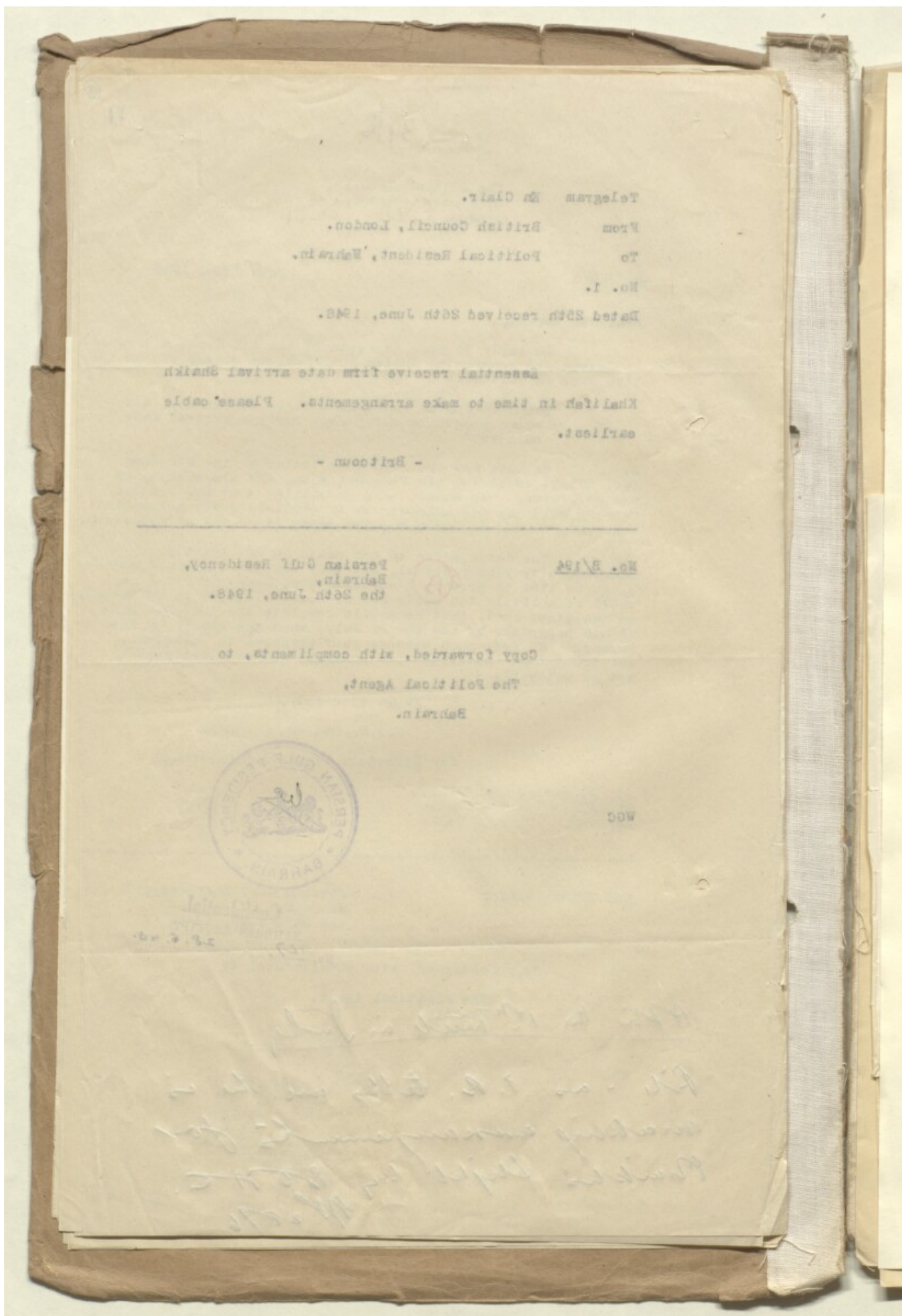
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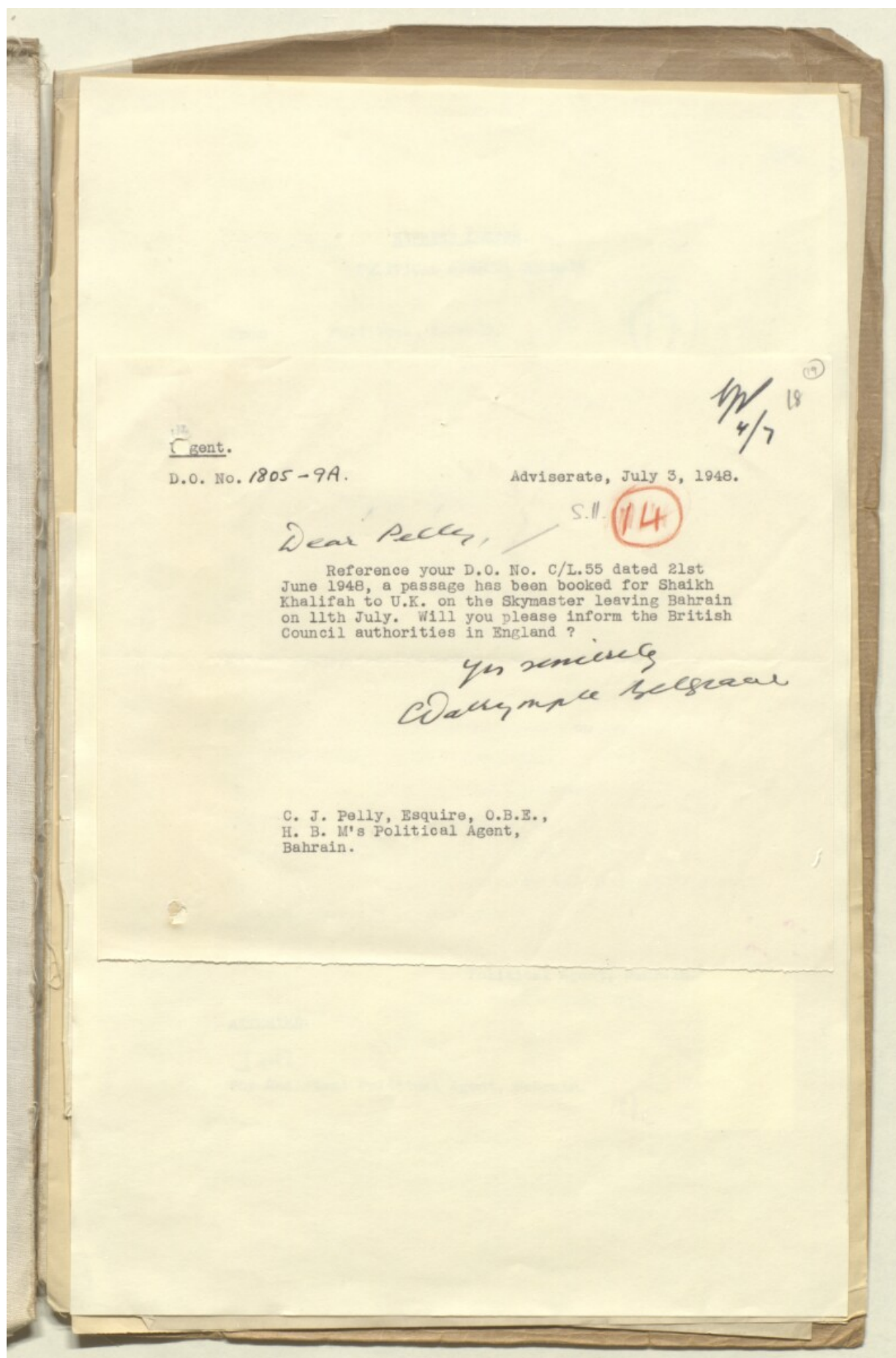


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BAHRAIN RECEIPT
No. 127 Date 28.6.48.

After the 1st week in July.
P.R. - as P.R. tells me he is
making arrangements for
Shaikh's flight by BOAC.
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Gent.

D.O. No. 1805-9A.

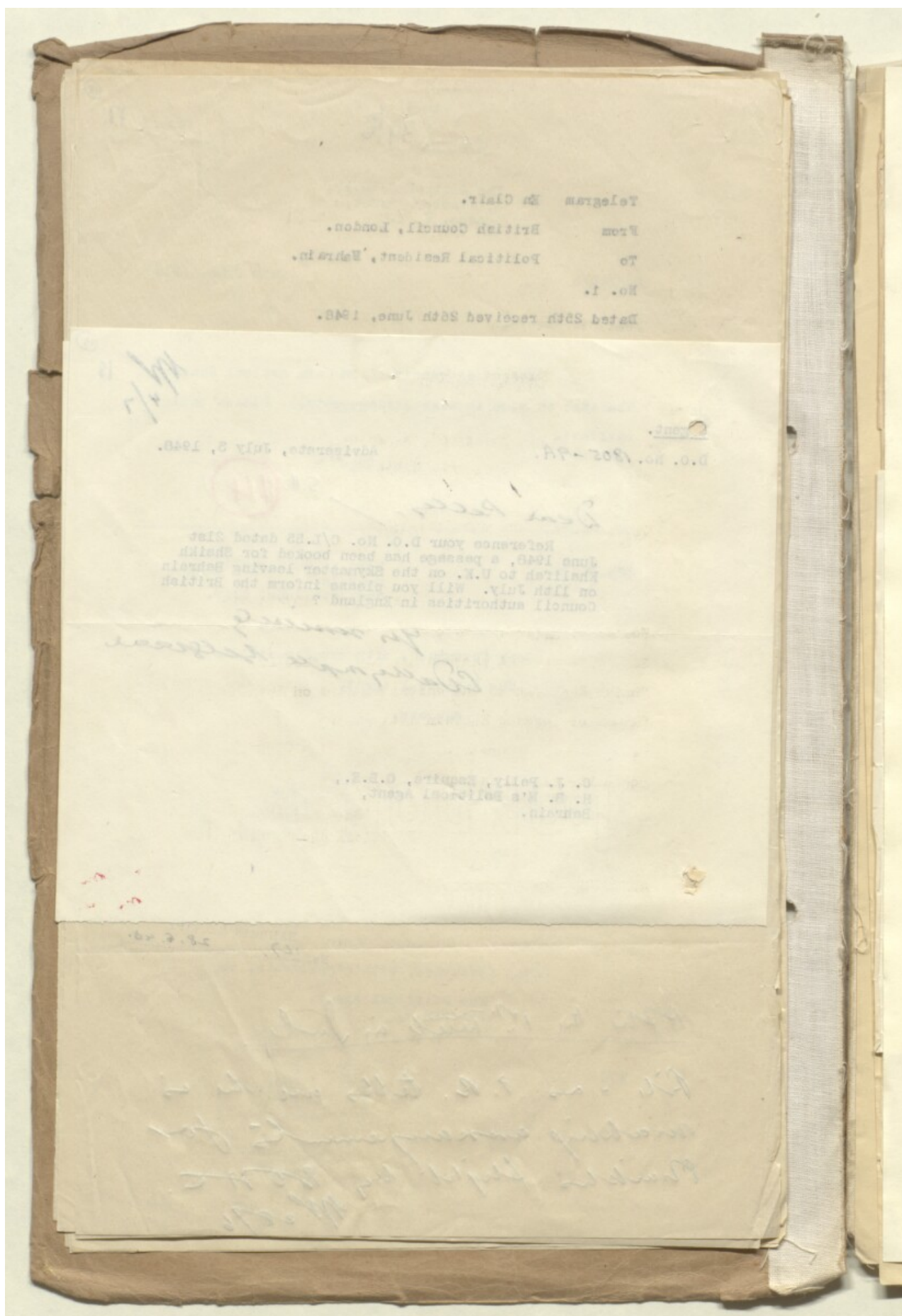
Advise rate, July 3, 1948.

Dear Pelly,

Reference your D.O. No. C/L.55 dated 21st June 1948, a passage has been booked for Shaikh Khalifah to U.K. on the Skymaster leaving Bahrain on 11th July. Will you please inform the British Council authorities in England?

Yr sincerely
C. J. Pelly

C. J. Pelly, Esquire, O.B.E.,
H. B. M's Political Agent,
Bahrain.





EXPRESS LETTER

From. Political, Bahrain.
To. Prodrome, Bahrain.
No. C/R-97
Dated Bahrain the 4th July, 1948.

Reference Residency endorsement

No. B/194 dated the 26th June, 1948. *LS13*

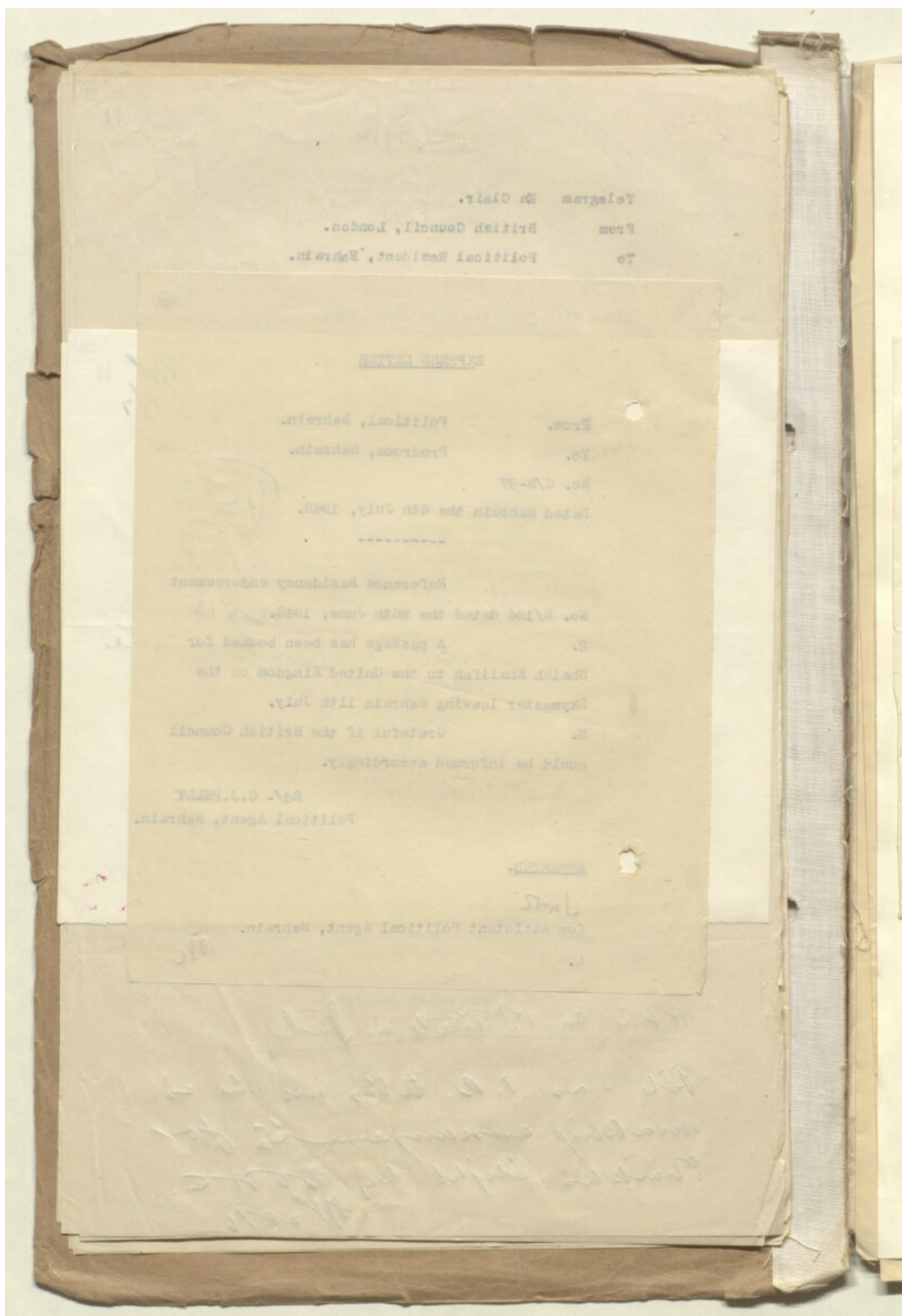
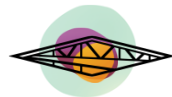
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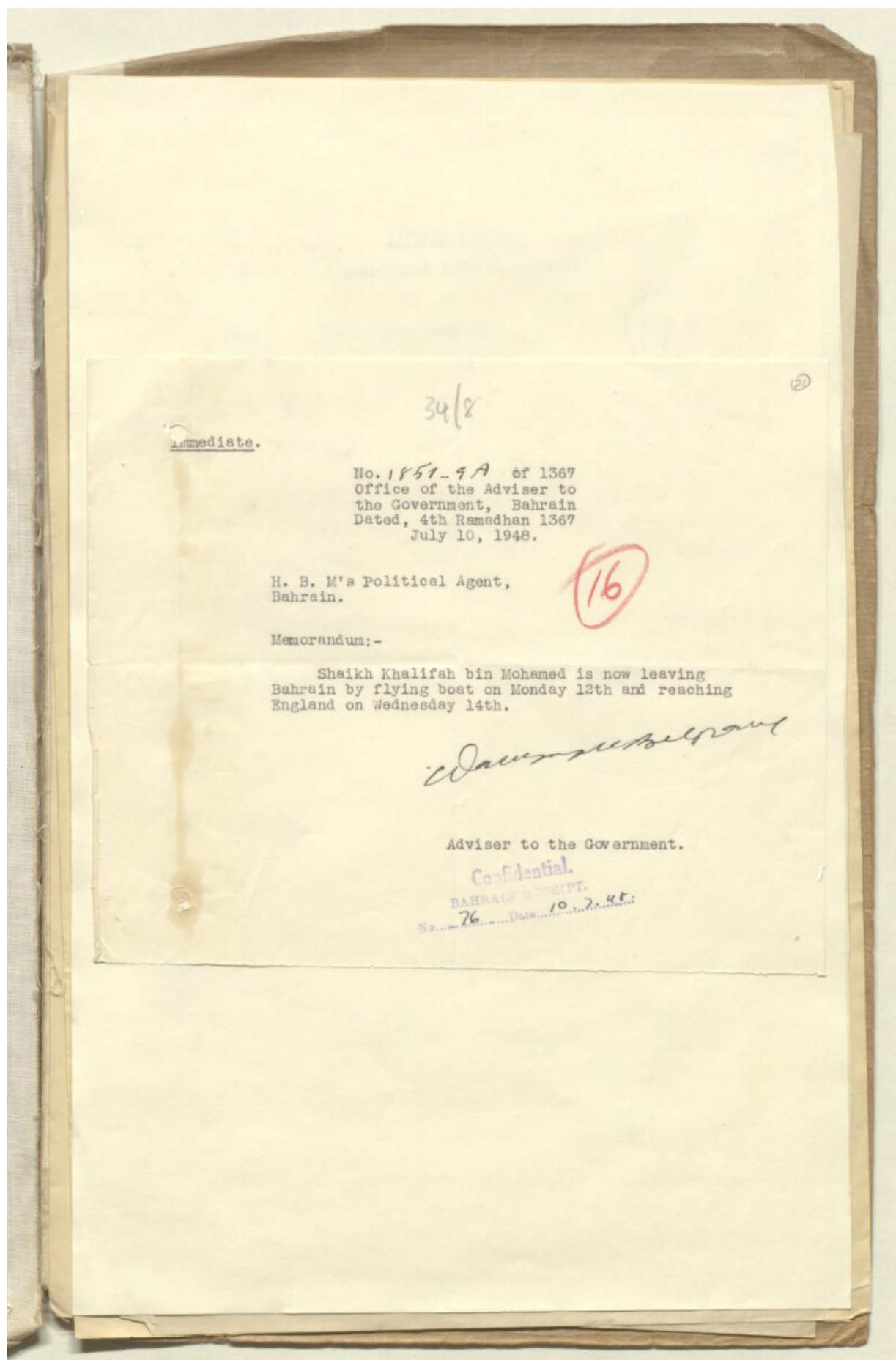
3. Grateful if the British Council
could be informed accordingly.

Sd/- C.J. PELLY
Political Agent, Bahrain.

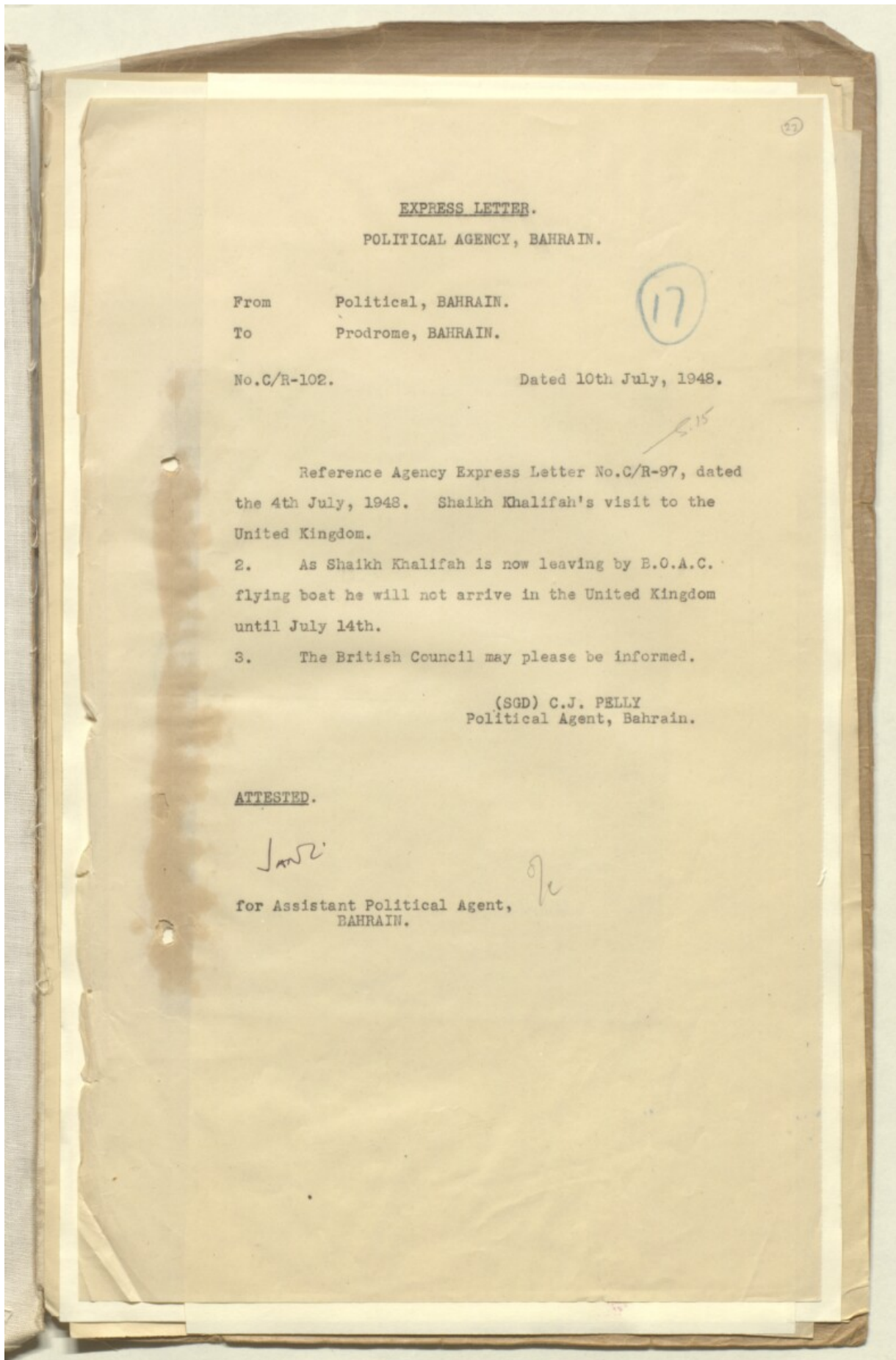
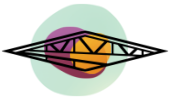
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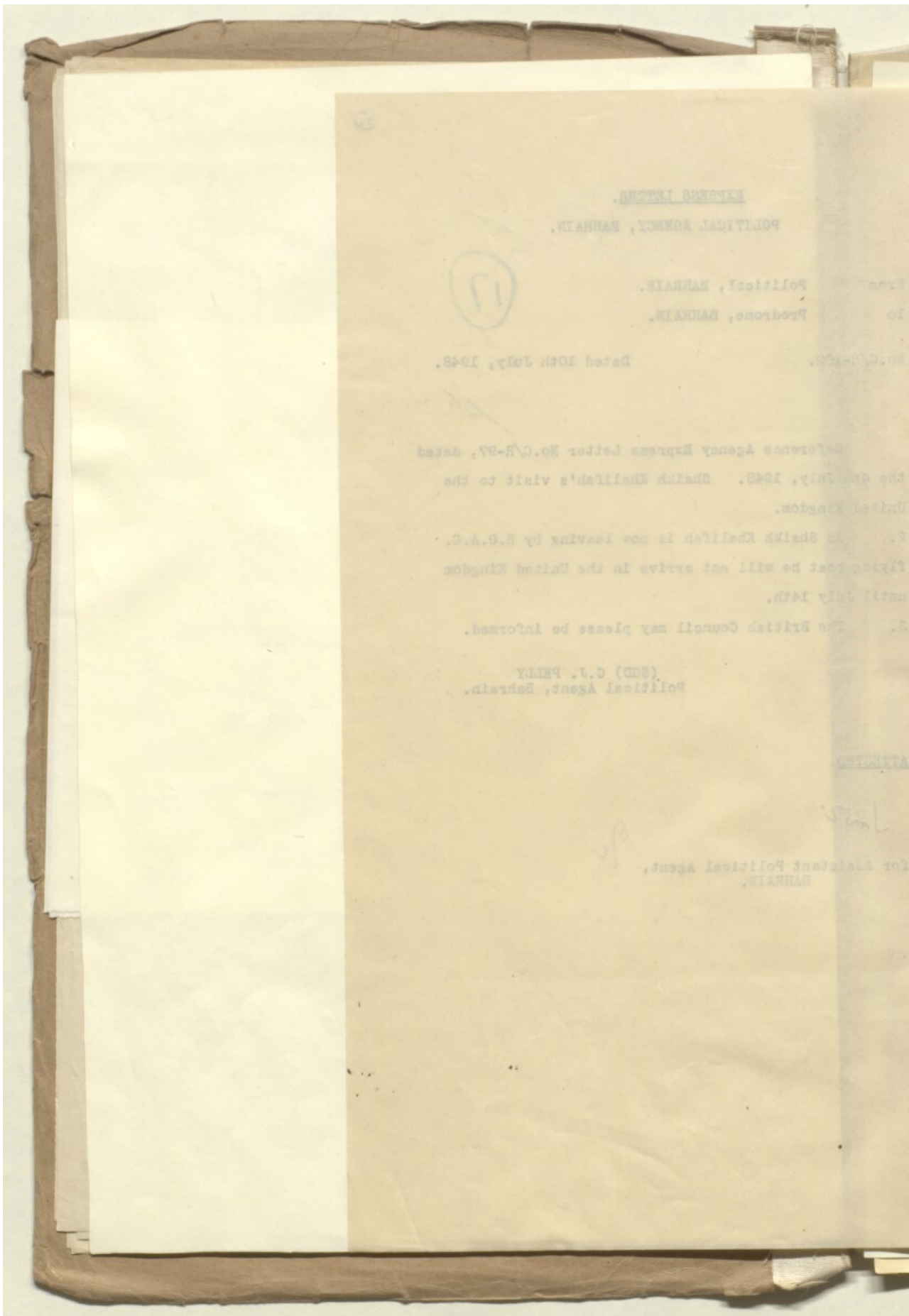
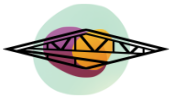
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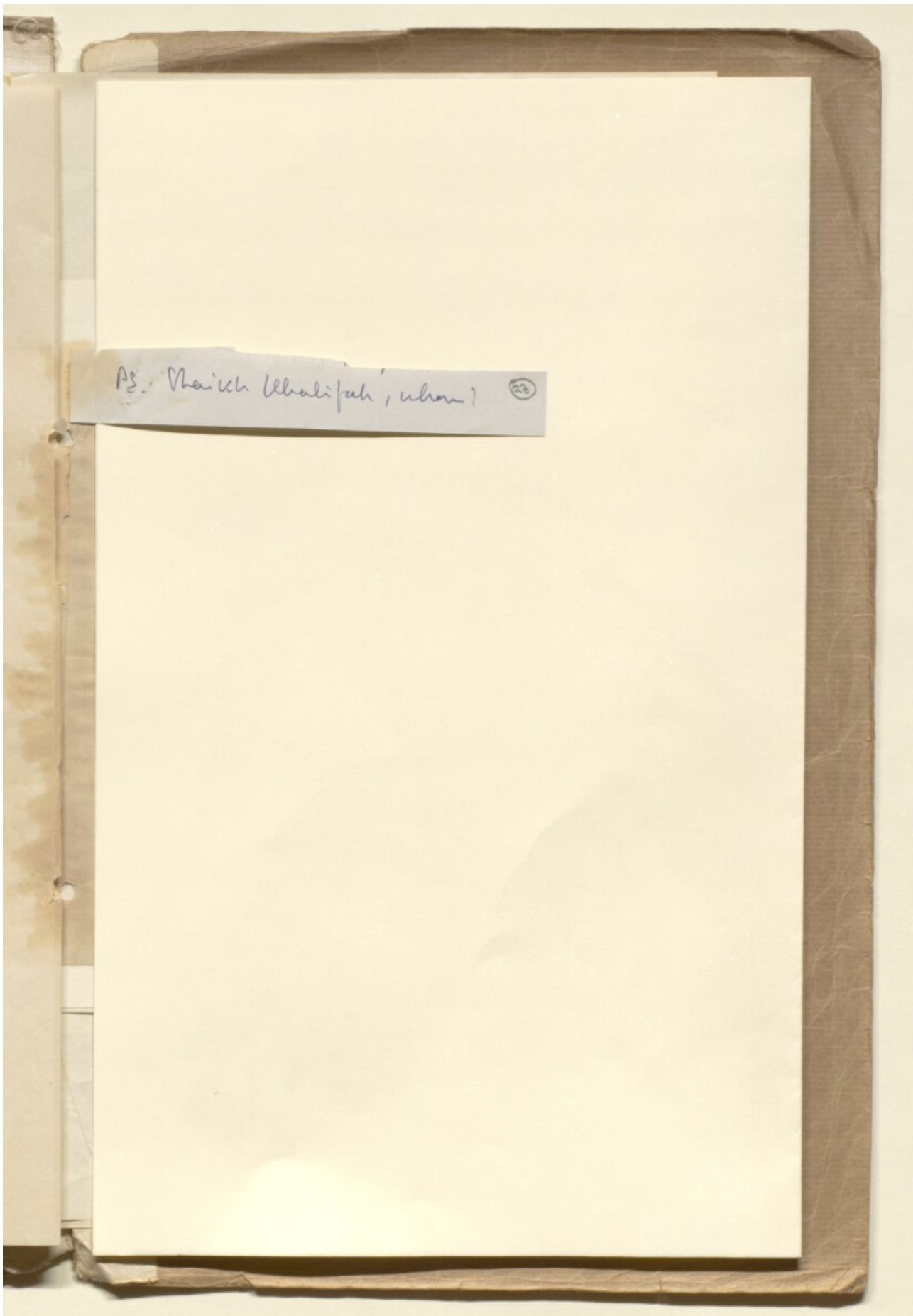
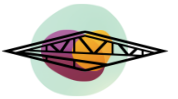




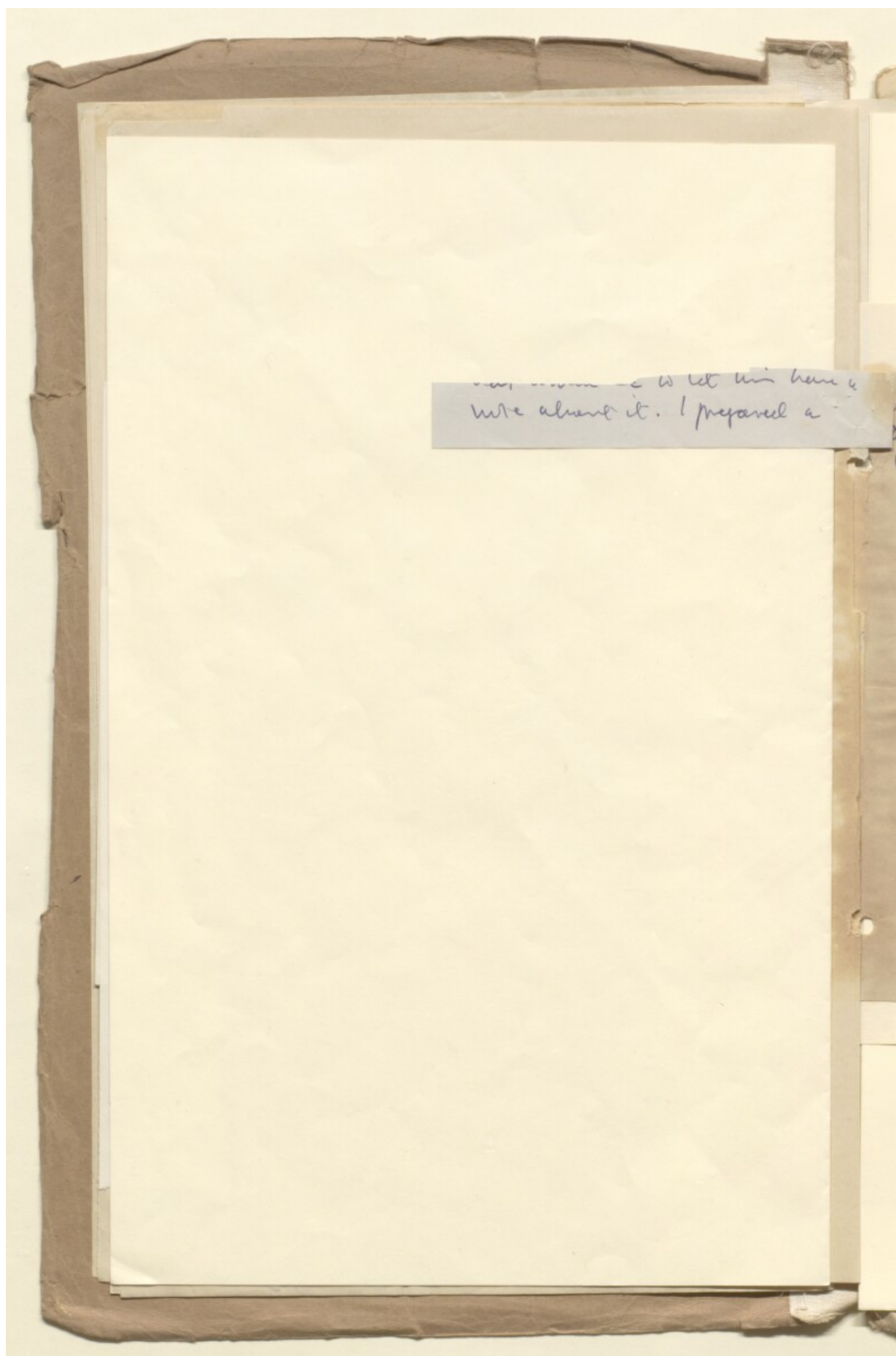
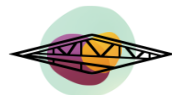


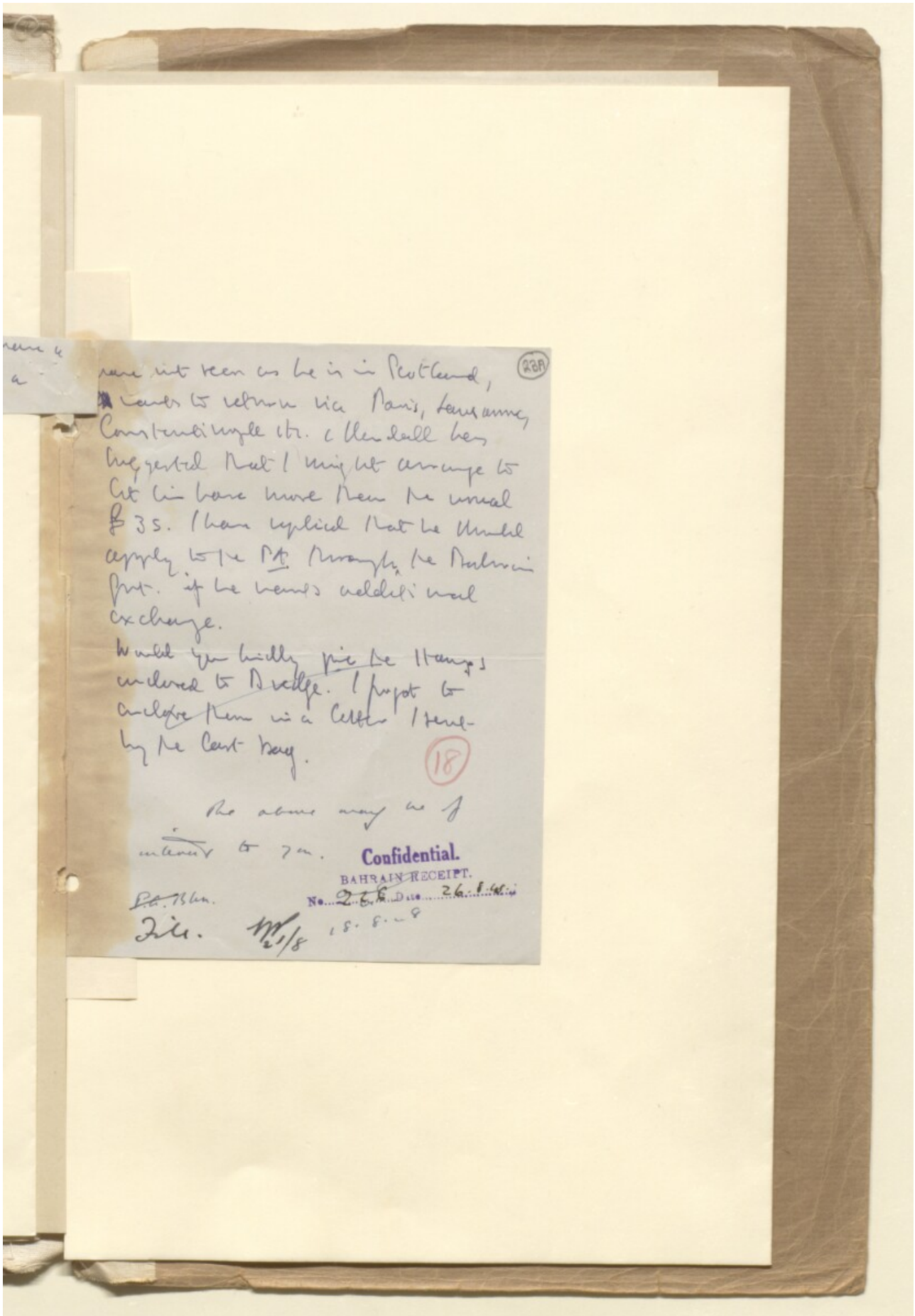
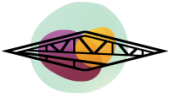


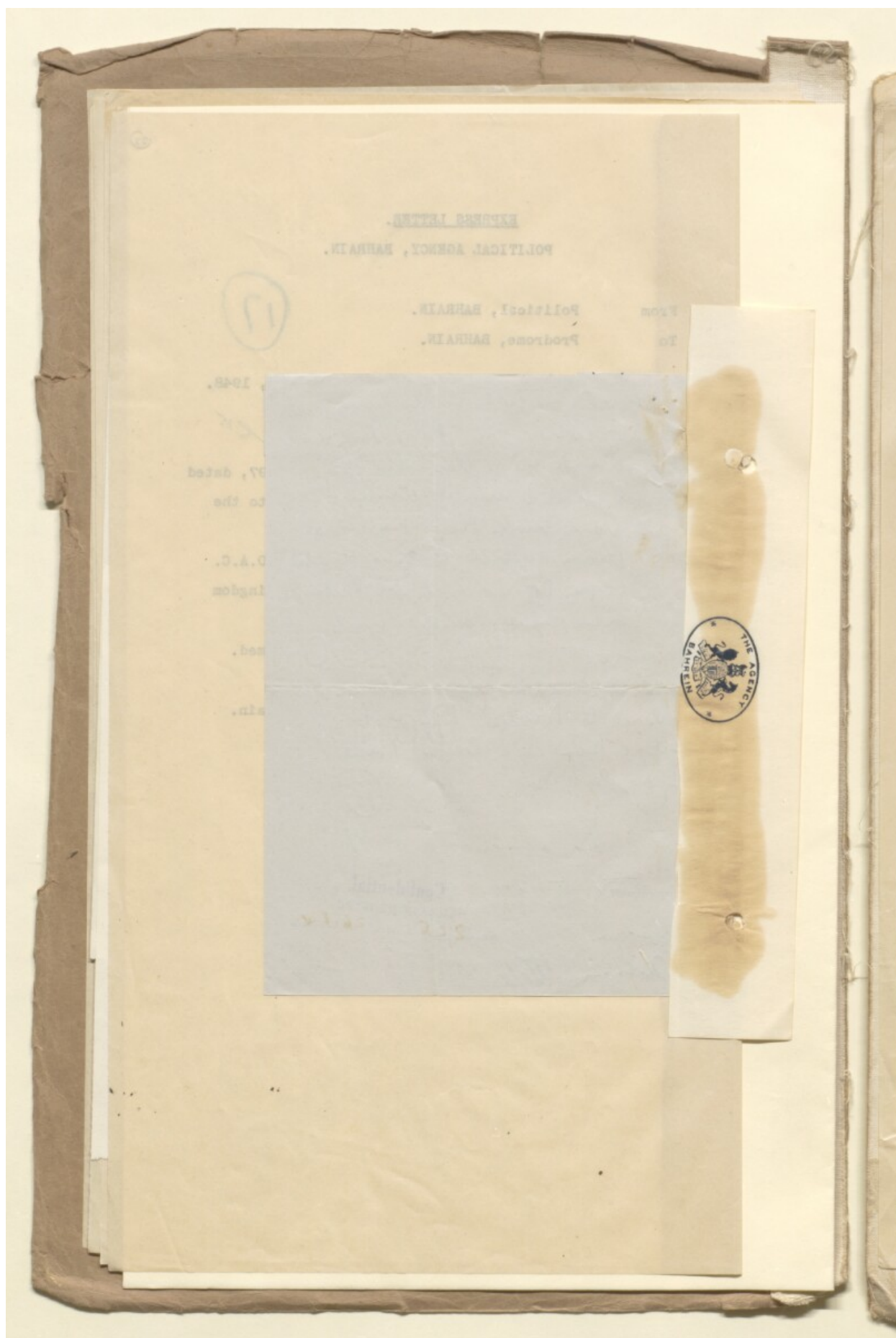


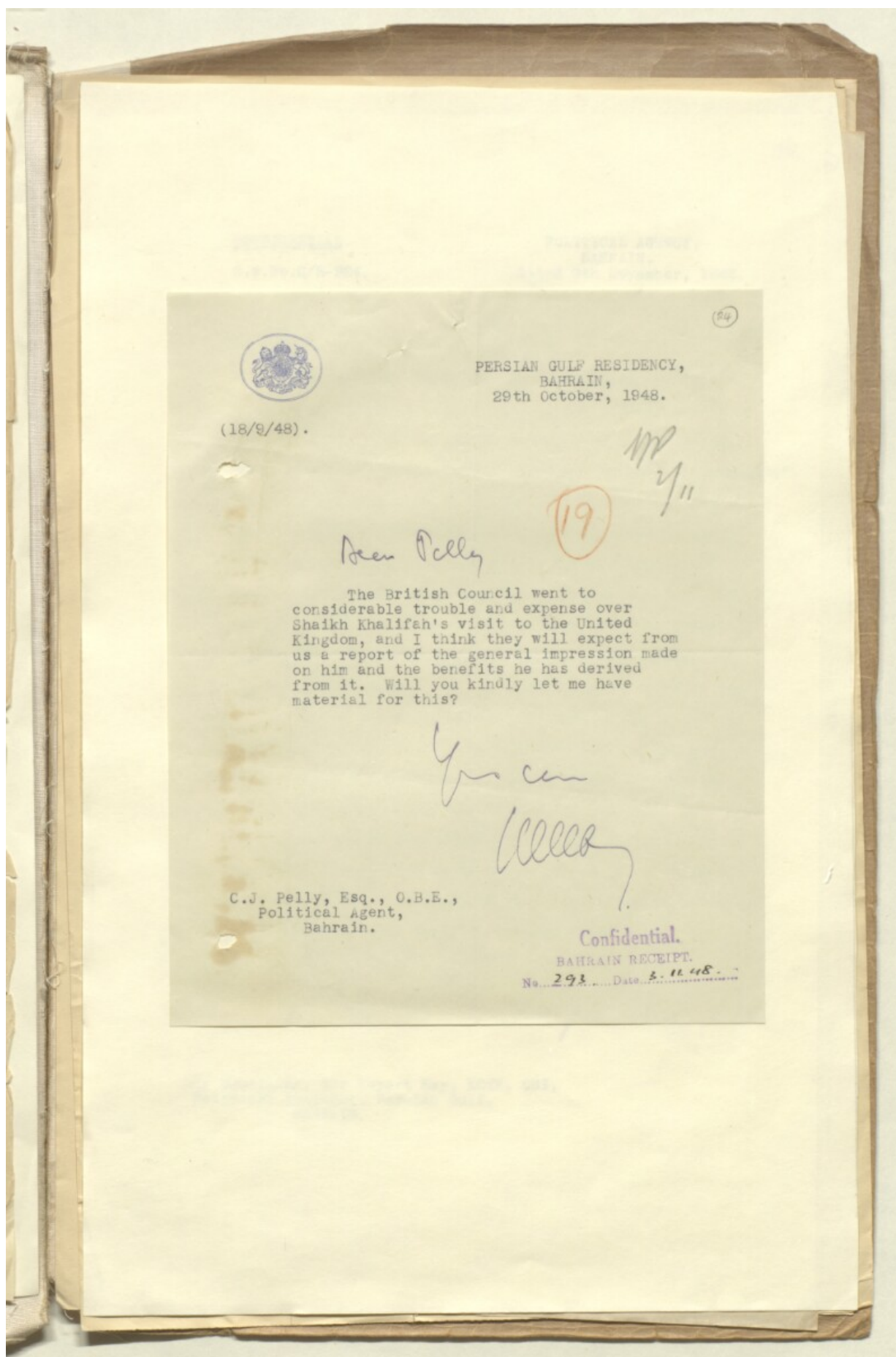


PS. Sheikh Khalifa, whom? (23)









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(18/9/48).

Dear Pelly

The British Council went to considerable trouble and expense over Shaikh Khalifah's visit to the United Kingdom, and I think they will expect from us a report of the general impression made on him and the benefits he has derived from it. Will you kindly let me have material for this?

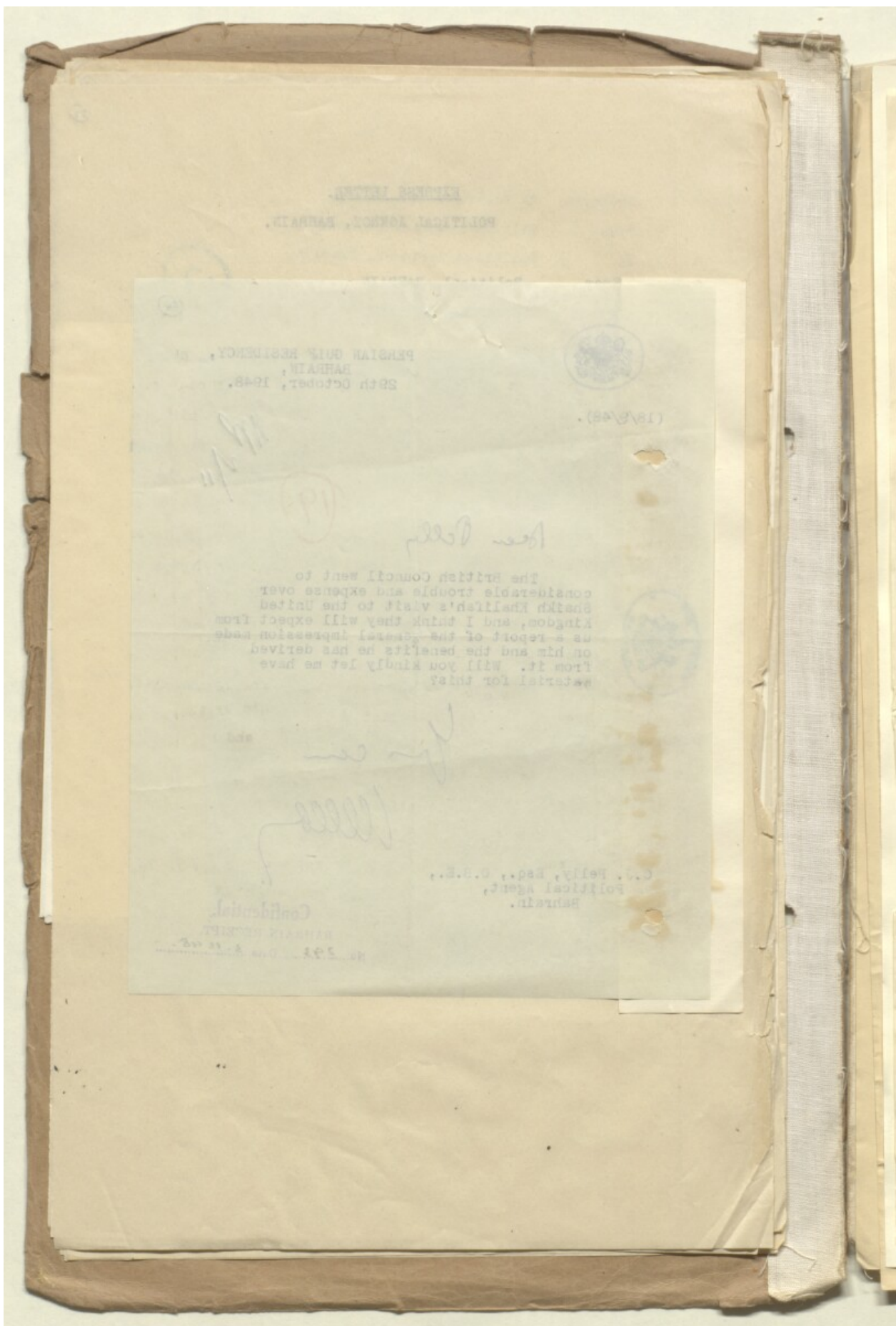
Yours
C.J. Pelly

C.J. Pelly, Esq., O.B.E.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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BAHRAIN RECEIPT.

No. 293 Date 3. 12. 48.





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S.O.No.C/R-224.

POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
Dated 9th November, 1948.

Dear Sir Rupert,

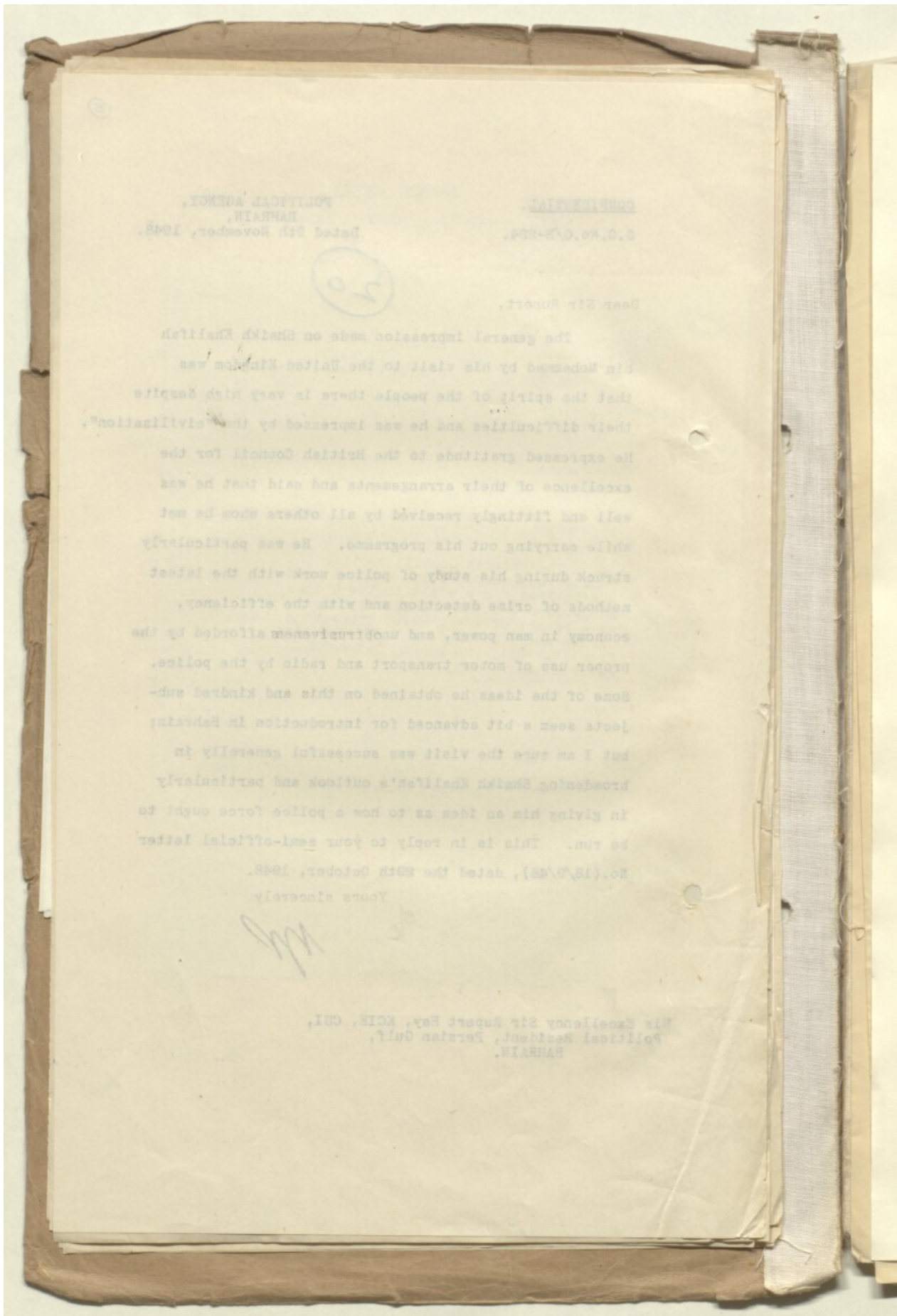
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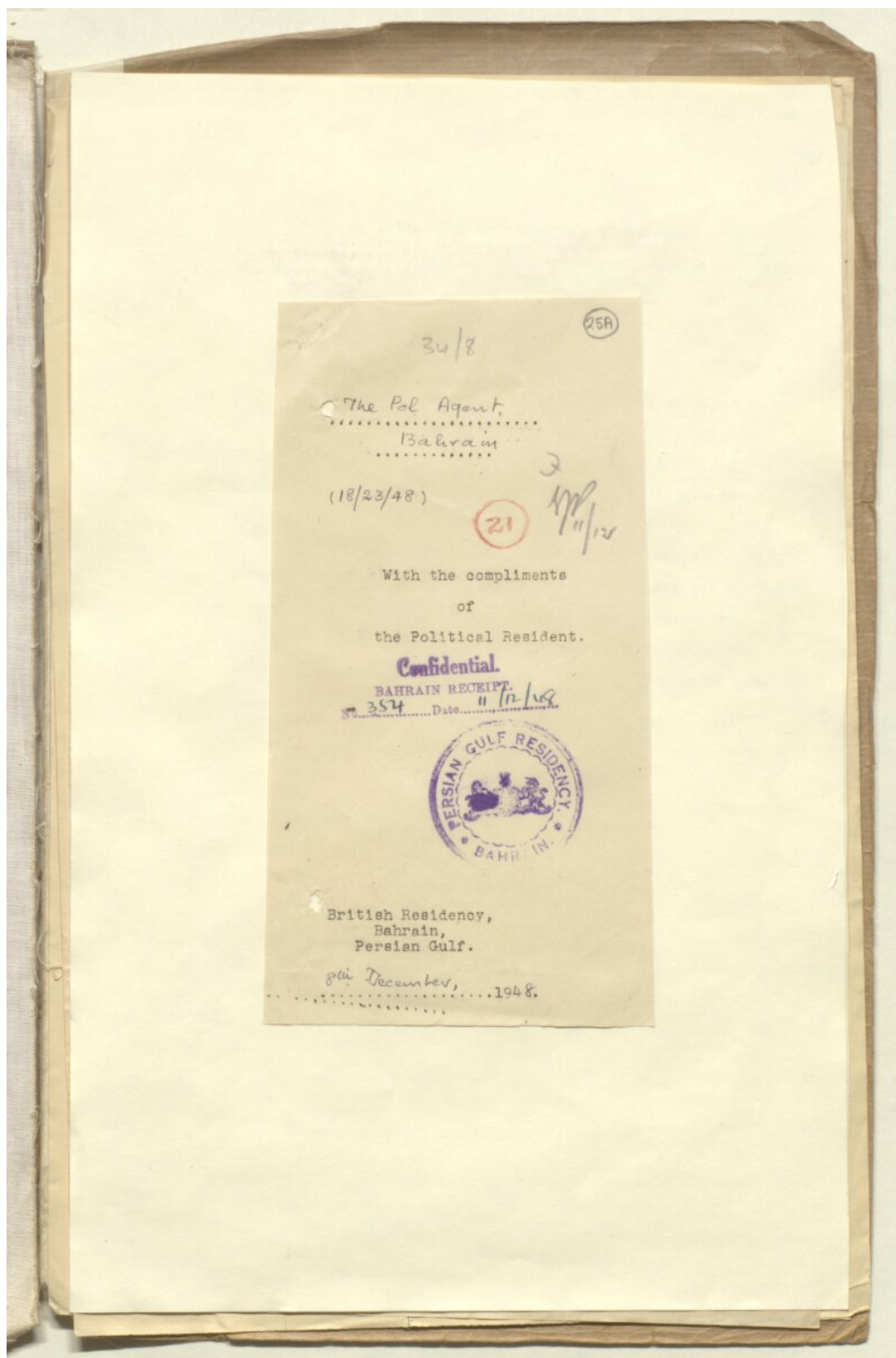
The general impression made on Shaikh Khalifah bin Mohammed by his visit to the United Kingdom was that the spirit of the people there is very high despite their difficulties and he was impressed by the "civilisation". He expressed gratitude to the British Council for the excellence of their arrangements and said that he was well and fittingly received by all others whom he met while carrying out his programme. He was particularly struck during his study of police work with the latest methods of crime detection and with the efficiency, economy in man power, and unobtrusiveness afforded by the proper use of motor transport and radio by the police. Some of the ideas he obtained on this and kindred subjects seem a bit advanced for introduction in Bahrain; but I am sure the visit was successful generally in broadening Shaikh Khalifah's outlook and particularly in giving him an idea as to how a police force ought to be run. This is in reply to your semi-official letter No.(18/9/48), dated the 29th October, 1948.

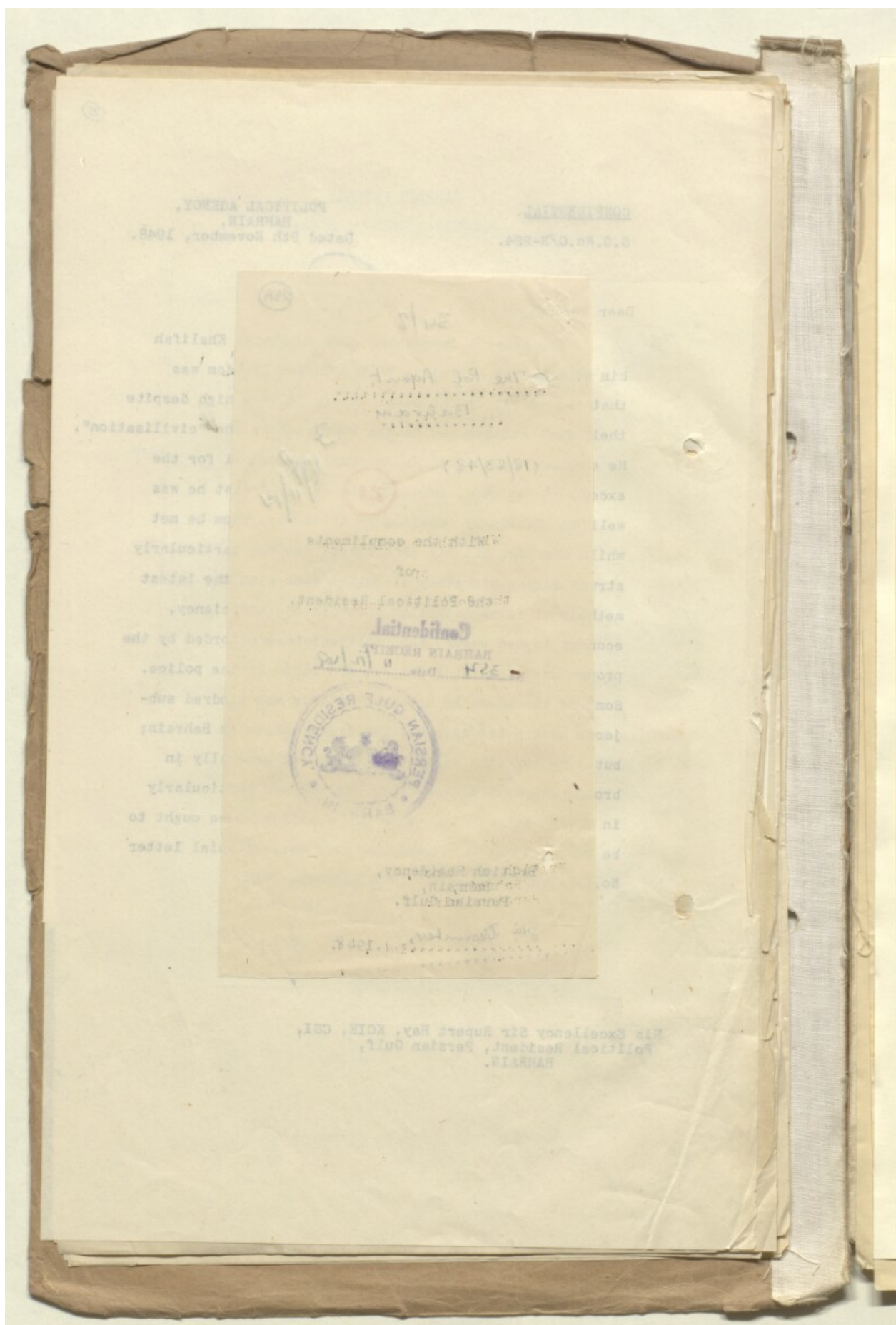
Yours sincerely,

e/c

His Excellency Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE, CSI,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BAHRAIN.







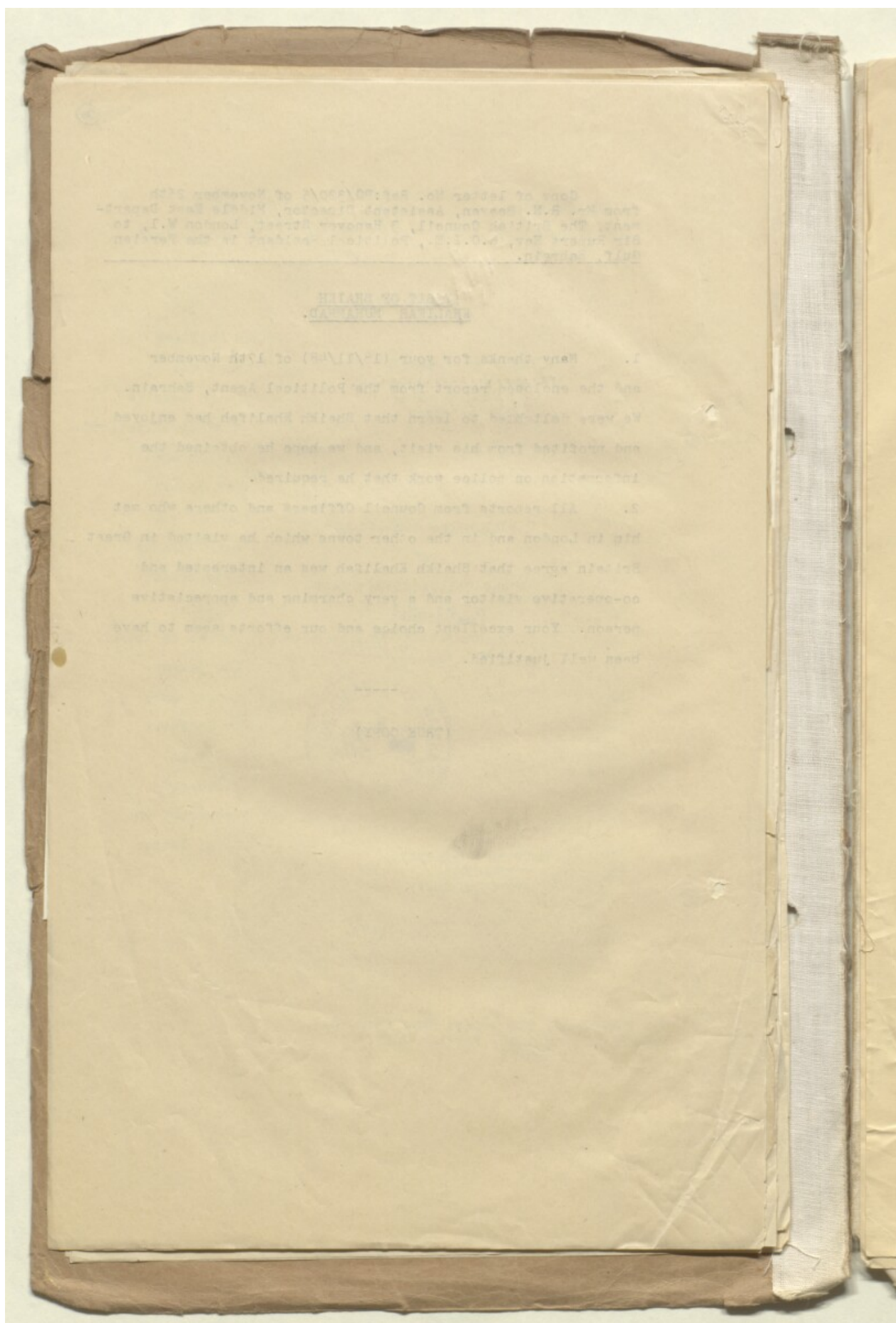


Copy of letter No. Ref:PG/320/5 of November 26th
from Mr. R.M. Beavan, Assistant Director, Middle East Department,
The British Council, 3 Hanover Street, London W.1, to
Sir Rupert Hay, K.C.I.E., Political Resident in the Persian
Gulf, Bahrain.

VISIT OF SHAIKH
KHALIFAH MUHAMMAD.

1. Many thanks for your (16/11/48) of 17th November
and the enclosed report from the Political Agent, Bahrain.
We were delighted to learn that Shaikh Khalifah had enjoyed
and profited from his visit, and we hope he obtained the
information on police work that he required.
2. All reports from Council Officers and others who met
him in London and in the other towns which he visited in Great
Britain agree that Shaikh Khalifah was an interested and
co-operative visitor and a very charming and appreciative
person. Your excellent choice and our efforts seem to have
been well justified.

(TRUE COPY)





FILE No. 34/8

SUBJECT: BRITISH COUNCIL VISITORS TO U.K.

①
Resolution D.O. No. 6/51 dtd 24/4/48.

1. ~~PA~~ D.O. to come. Jan 21/5.
pp 6/5.

②
D.O. No. C/R-14. dt. 6.5.48 to P.R. Bahrain.

③
D.O. No. 3/97 dt. 8.5.48 from P.R. Bahrain.
2. PA is ascertaining what effect H.H.'s absence will have on SK Khalifa's visit.
P.A. Jan 21/5

④
D.O. No. C/L-21/87 dt. 18.5.48 to Mr. Belgrave.

⑤
D.O. No. 8/126 dt. 17.5.48 from P.R. Bahrain.

3. ~~PA~~ keep pending. Jan 23/5
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D.O. No. 1548-9A dt. 29.5.48 from the Affairs, Bahrain

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Issued x.L. No. C/R. 40 dt. 30.5.48 to Residency.

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Endst. No. B/169 dated the 11th June, 1948 from P.R., Bahrain.

Adviser to be informed.

It'd. C.J.P.
12.6.48

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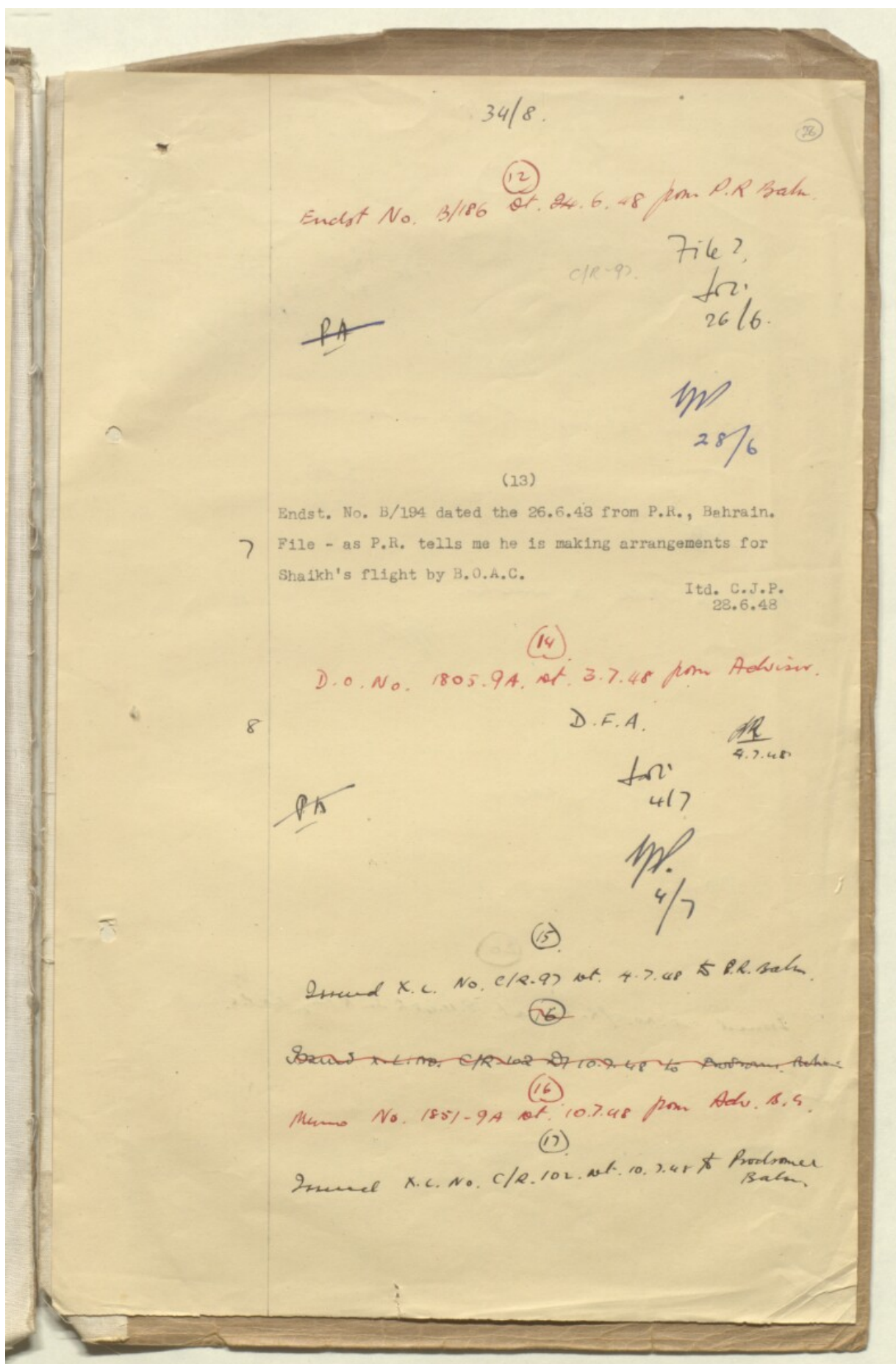
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Part of letter by Sir R. Hay & Col. Galloway.

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Jed. C.J.P.
28.8.48.

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Letter No. 18/9/48 dt. 29.X.48 from P.R. Baden.

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P.A.

Put up after a week.

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P.A. may wish to reply
before the holidays.

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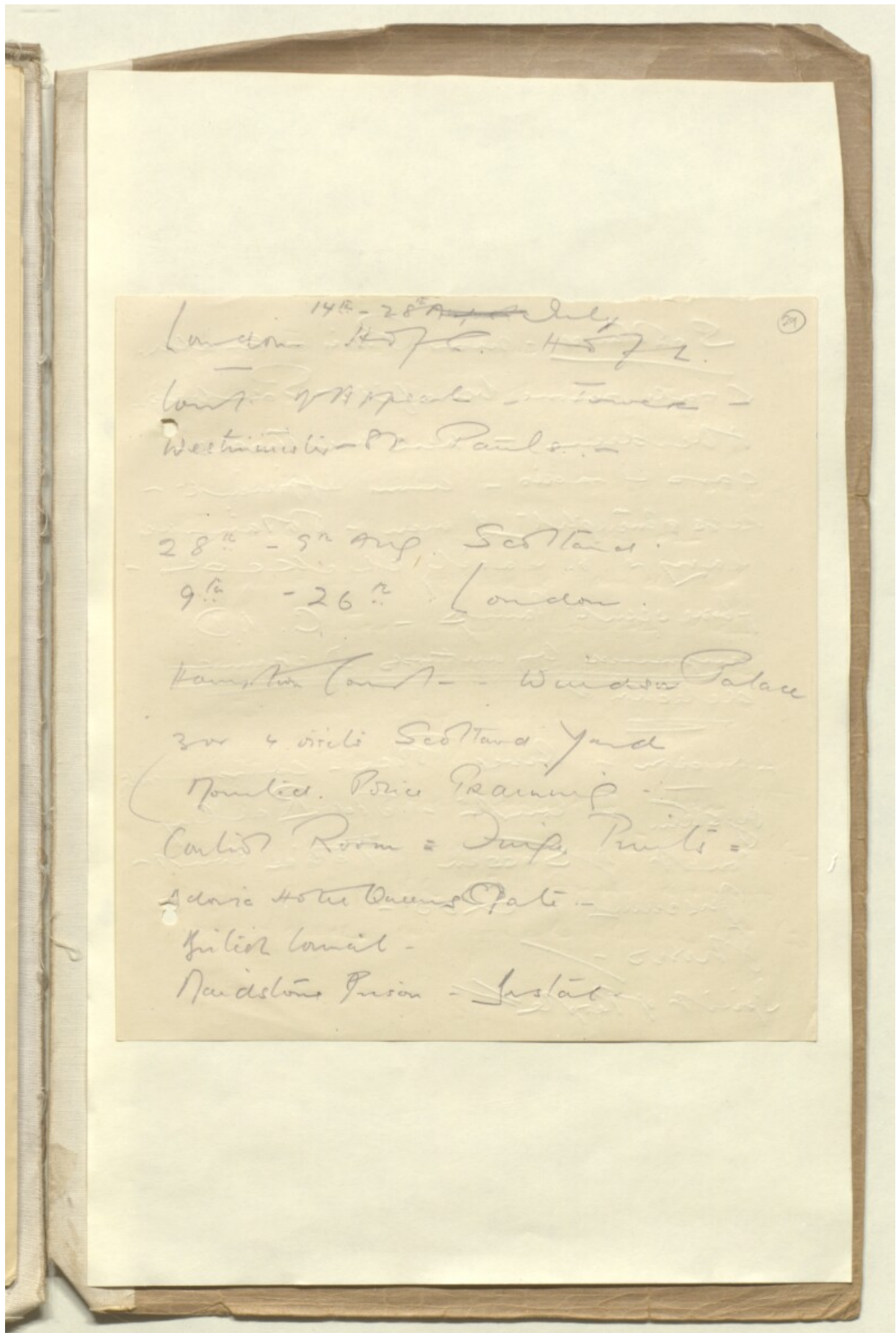
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11.12.48.



14th - 28th July
London 457th - 457th 2.

Westminster - St. Paul's -
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28th - 9th Aug, Scotland.

9th - 26th London.

Hampton Court - Windsor Palace

3rd & 4th St. Scotland Yard

Pointed. Police Training -

Carlisle Room - Juries, Prints -

Admiral's House Queen's Gate -

British Council -

Norfolk House - Instat.



S. France - more Police - smaller
scale more benefit - Edinburgh
Aberdeen - heard we had
cars - radio - more efficient -
less thought of men - obtainable
very & v. easily checked -
fluorescent lamp - C. I. D.
improvement by methods of crime
detection //

London - River Police - communication
system - Court - Old Bailey
Court of Session, Police Court -
Museum & Zoo -
Shows -
Spirit of People //

